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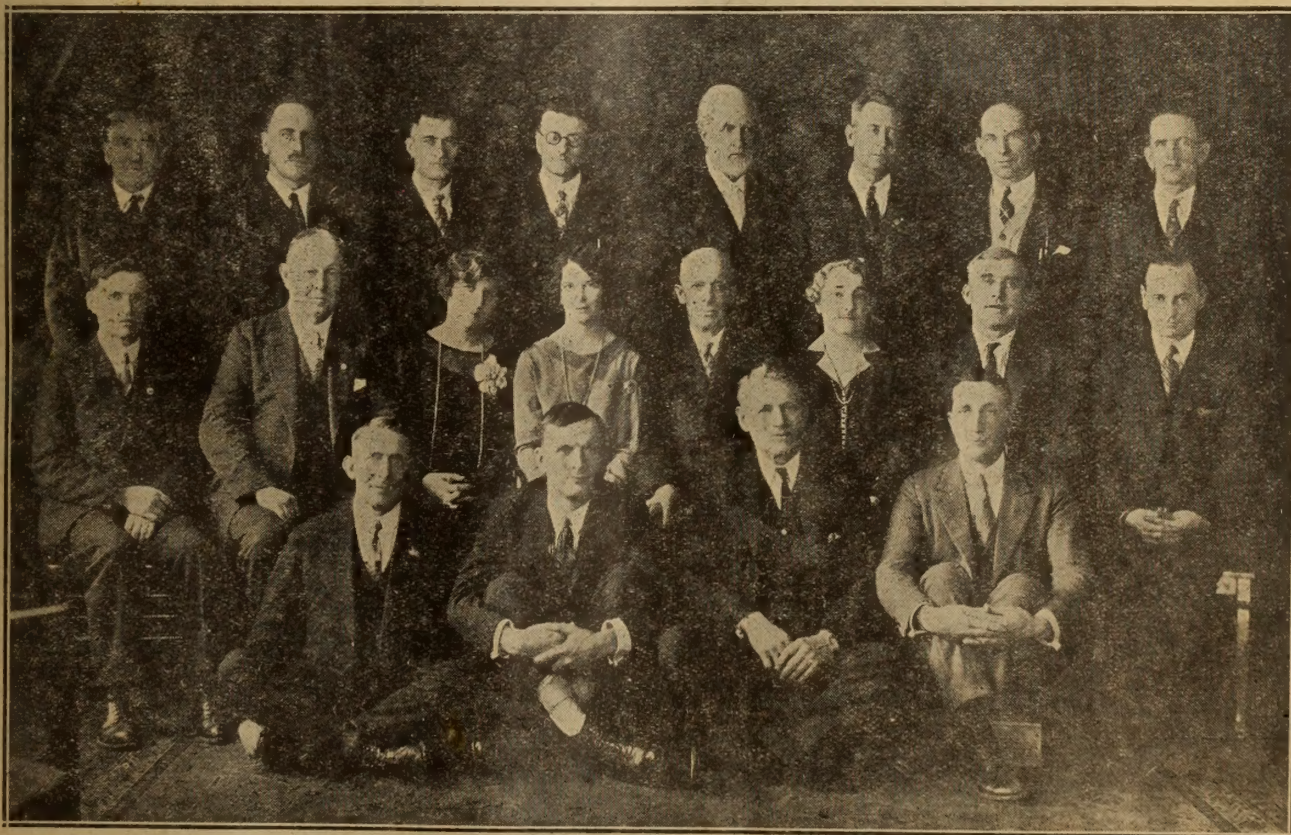
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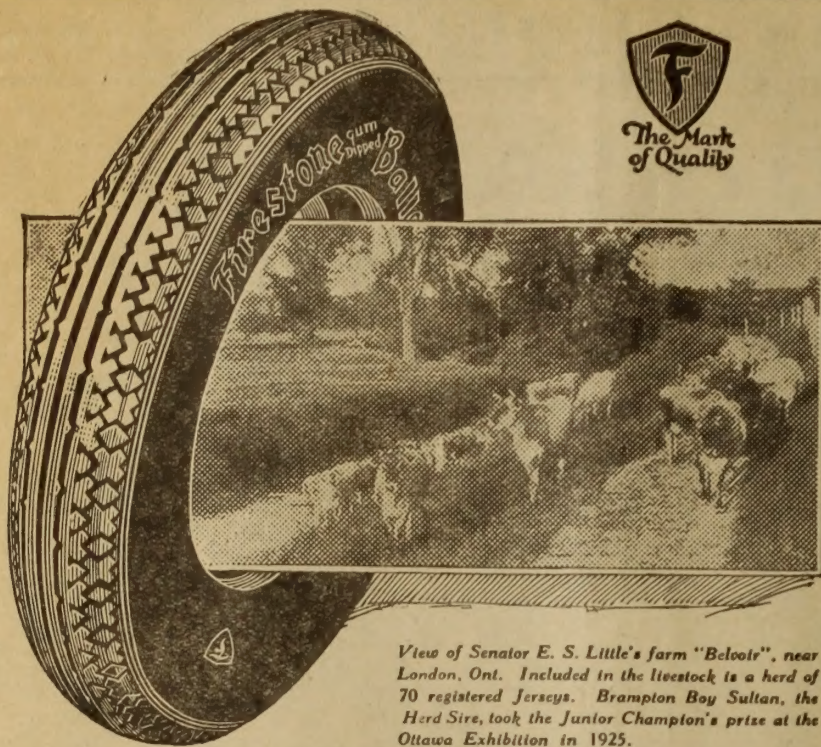
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Returned Soldiers in U.F.A. Organize

**Purpose is to Deal with S. S. B. Problems
—Thank U.F.A. Members of Parliament for Services**

Returned soldier members of the U.F.A. in attendance at the Annual Convention organized as a "Returned Soldiers' Section" of the United Farmers of Alberta at a banquet in the Tea Kettle Inn on January 19th. The chief purpose is to deal with S. S. B. problems. Arrangements for the affair were mainly in the hands of Col. Robinson, of Munson, and H. McKenzie, of Sedgewick presided. There were 29 persons present, including returned men and their wives, and visitors.

Among the guests were Col. Sanders, of Calgary, who gave a brief and most interesting talk on the immigration question, E. J. Garland, M.P., who represented the U.F.A. members of the House of Commons and spoke on returned soldier legislation, especially S.S.B. legislation, and Mrs. Garland. A hearty vote of thanks to the U.F.A. members of Parliament for their unflagging efforts in behalf of the soldier settlers was carried unanimously.

W. N. Smith suggested that news and views on S.S.B. questions should be furnished *The U.F.A.* from time to time, and stated that a small section of the paper could be set aside for this purpose, and that in view of Col. Robinson's experience in S.S.B. problems, material for this section would be submitted to him for advice before publication.

The meeting appointed Norman Smith convener of the section, directing him to make arrangements for the next meeting on the occasion of the next U.F.A. Annual Convention.

We regret that we have obtained only a partial list of names of those who attended the banquet and became members of the returned soldiers' section. All who attended are invited to send in their names with a view to publication.

CALGARY MOCK PARLIAMENT

The first session of the Mock Parliament organized by the Calgary U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals and the Wheat Kernels was held in the Calgary public library on Thursday, January 26th, and was attended by more than a hundred persons, including members and visitors. For the present the parliament will function as a Provincial Assembly. Hon. V. W. Smith acted as Lieutenant Governor for the evening, and read the speech from the throne. The parliament elected N. P. Davison to the office of Speaker. The Premier is W. J. Garland, leader of the Agrarian group, who has formed a cabinet; Guy W. Johnson is leader of the Labor group and W. McLeod leader of the "Professional" or "Urban" group. Ben Sibbald is sergeant-at-arms.

Hon. V. W. Smith gave a most informative address on railway, irrigation and telephone matters during the course of the evening.

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EDITORIAL

THE CONVENTION

"Merely to advocate an ideal without giving thought to methods of achieving it doesn't amount to a thing in the world," declared President Wood in the brief speech to the Annual Convention in which he accepted the Presidency of the Association for 1928.

It is doubtful whether any Convention in the history of the organization has shown less disposition to utopian-

ism than the Twentieth, held in Calgary last month. But the idealism of the movement, as was shown on many occasions, is undimmed. President Wood's own highly developed capacity to link ideals with practice, to proceed a step at a time through organization towards the realization of the ideal of a co-operative community, has contributed more than may today be realized to the development of policies making at once for steadiness and progress.

The U.F.A. membership in 1927 was somewhat below normal. But the achievements of the U.F.A. in the field of co-operative organization are more apparent today than they ever have been before. Some of its earlier tasks have been accomplished, or are in process of accomplishment by organizations brought into being mainly through the instrumentality of the Association. But there remain for the immediate future tasks at least equally as great as any that have been confronted in the past. Perhaps the conference held in Calgary a little more than a week ago, at which the possibilities of co-operative enterprise were surveyed by representatives of the various Provincial Farmers' organizations in Alberta, may be the prelude to a new forward movement of Province-wide dimensions.

The success of any such movement will depend, more than upon any other single factor, upon the membership of this Association, and the bringing of the U.F.A. to increased numerical strength is the chief task of the immediate future.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE PROJECT

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the St. Lawrence Waterways project, it is evident that upon this matter the vast majority of the people of this country are ill-informed. We know men in public life who have given it a long period of study, who confess that they are unable as yet to decide in their own minds what Canada's attitude should be towards the proposals now under consideration. The U.F.A. Annual Convention did wisely in tabling the resolution which would have endorsed the project.

The decision of Parliament, when made, may determine in great degree the course of Canada's history. The project is a colossal one, involving unprecedented expenditures for the Dominion upon this kind of enterprise, and its carrying out will affect profoundly the economic and industrial life of Canada and our relations with our neighbors to the south.

Clearly there should be no final action taken during the present session of Parliament. Clearly the public must be adequately informed, through the press and by every other possible means, of what may be involved in this undertaking, before Canada is definitely committed. There is no warrant for haste. The need for caution is imperative.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Urgent Request for Financial Help St. Albert Case

Why Appeal is Made to Membership
of U.F.A. Throughout Province

In view of the special circumstances which have arisen in connection with the St. Albert election appeal case, in which the appeal against the election of L. Boudreau was unsuccessful, a further urgent request is made to the U.F.A. membership throughout the Province for financial assistance.

Owing to the lack of success in the election appeal, heavy costs were assessed against L. Normandeau, who was the U.F.A. candidate. Mr. Normandeau would himself have been prepared to settle had it been at all possible for him to do so, but this has been placed out of the question by the fact that he has lost his crop for the past two years—in 1926 owing to excessive wet weather and in 1927 to hail. As he is unable to meet the judgment, he is being pursued by the sheriff, and if he undertakes work of any kind for payment, the amount which he may earn will be garnisheed. Considerably over \$1000 is still required. The difficulty of Mr. Normandeau's position has been aggravated by reason of his wife's serious illness, which has necessitated operations during the past year. As the appeal was made with a view to assuring clean elections in the future, it is felt that the matter is of concern to the U.F.A. membership as a whole.

Contributions to the St. Albert election appeal fund will be received at the U.F.A. Central Office, Calgary, and acknowledged in this paper.

STRATHCONA ANNUAL MEETING

Strathcona Local had an enthusiastic annual meeting when R. G. Simpson, E. R. James and D. J. Christie were elected as officers. Plans were made for a big banquet and dance to be held in Strathcona in February.

APPRECIATED BROADCAST

"The feeling of the members present at the annual meeting," writes J. A. Johnston, Secretary of Brooks Local, "was to make the Local bigger and better this coming year. An effort will be made to sign up 100 per cent of the farmers. The U.F.A. broadcast was very much appreciated in this district."

AT CARROT CREEK

In spite of very cold weather there was a good turn out to the annual meeting of Carrot Creek Local, writes the Secretary, W. E. Irwin. The former secretary, F. L. Irwin, was elected President, while B. W. Smith is Vice-President. After the meeting there was a dance and lunch was served.

PLAINFIELD PLAN DRIVE

Plainfield Local at their annual meeting decided to put on a drive for new members, with S. E. Thompson and U.

COMMENDS GOVERNMENT OPERATION OF E.D. & B.C.

The following resolution was carried unanimously at a meeting of the Beaver Lodge U.F.A. Local recently:

That the Beaver Lodge Local of the U.F.A. warmly commends the achievement of the Provincial Department of Railways in the operation of the E.D. & B.C.; urges the Government to proceed this year with an active policy of urgently needed extensions; and hopes that the Government will retain the ownership of the line unless offered its full physical valuation coupled with a guarantee of direct coast connection at an early date.

Moved by A. H. Johnson; seconded by J. M. Miller.

Marr as captains. A committee was elected to arrange programs of education and entertainment for meetings during the remainder of the winter. P. Frederick and A. MacMillan are the officers for 1928.

DEVONIA OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of Devonia Lake Local, J. Ferguson, S. Brown and F. George were elected officers for the coming year. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that it would require the loyal co-operation of all U.F.A. Locals to perpetuate better conditions for the farming community. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring chairman, S. Brown.

WANT UNIFORM QUALITY

At the annual meeting of O'Mara Local, H. J. Armstrong was elected as President, and T. Atkinson as Secretary. At this meeting there was considerable discussion on the growing number of new varieties of wheat, and a resolution was passed asking the Minister of Agriculture to take steps to insure uniformity of quality in Western Canadian Wheat.

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS

"Our membership does not increase, but we are very fortunate in having all active members," writes Arthur Smith, Secretary of the Lake Saskatoon Local. "We have commenced our annual Five Hundred parties, holding them every week in the different homes. A charge of twenty-five cents is made for gentlemen only, and this provides a very substantial sum to carry on our year's work."

CAVELL LOCAL RE-ORGANIZED

A reorganization meeting of the Cavell Local No. 566 of the U.F.A. was held in the Cavell school on Wednesday, January 18th. The following officers were elected: President, R. Linfield; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Goeller; secretary-treasurer, Harold Gerry. In addition Floyd Goeller and C. A. Malone were elected to the vacant positions on the board of directors. The enthusiasm for U.F.A. principles evidenced during the discussion augurs well for the success of future activities of the reorganized Local.

Bow River U.F.A. Annual Convention

About Forty Delegates—No Lack of
Interest

Donald Sinclair was re-elected President of the Bow River Federal Constituency Association at the annual convention in Calgary on January 16th. The vice-presidents are Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen and P. H. Donkin, Ardenode. The directors are: L. B. Hart, Carbon; J. H. Schmaltz, Beiseker; J. M. Wheatly, Chancellor; F. H. Harriman, Nightingale; Harvey Hanson, Namaka; Mrs. Eva Bowen, Gleichen; R. W. Pool, Bassano; George Purcell, Enchant; James Dann, Reid Hill. At the meeting of the Board held after the meeting H. W. Leonard, Tudor, was re-elected Secretary.

About forty delegates were in attendance and as many visitors. There was no lack of interest in the discussion of the affairs of the Association and of the resolutions that came before the meeting. A number of these were passed on to the Provincial Convention and dealt with there. A resolution which created the greatest interest was one suggesting that the U.F.A. be disbanded, brought in for the purpose of provoking a discussion on the need of the organization. The delegates present showed that they were convinced of the necessity for the continuance of the U.F.A., only the mover himself voting for the motion, which he felt obliged to do.

The Executive was instructed to call the next annual convention during July, at one of the most central towns in the Constituency, possibly holding it for two days, and arranging for an automobile camp in connection.

E. J. Garland, M.P., addressed the Convention.

MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME

While it was hard to hold regular meetings during the busy summer months, Turin Local, according to a letter from G. E. Stauth, are making up for lost time now. "One afternoon seems hardly long enough to get through all our business. We only had twenty-two members last year, but this year we are going after at least three times that number. Just as soon as the roads get passable we are going to put on a drive for members."

OFFICERS NANTON CONSTITUENCY

Officers of Nanton Provincial Constituency Association, elected at the Annual Convention held on January 12, are as follows: President, M. E. Malchow; vice-presidents, Wm. Bowie, Mrs. W. F. Kirchoff and C. H. Hay; secretary-treasurer, H. F. Spencer. The chief feature of the convention was a comprehensive report of the work of the last session of the Legislature by D. H. Galbraith, M.L.A. Mr. Galbraith stated that he desired to represent his constituents, and to serve them; and asked them to try to keep in touch with him and let him know what they wanted. The evening session was addressed by

G. G. Coote, M.P., who dealt with parliamentary procedure and some of the more important questions to come before the 1928 session of the House of Commons.

STURGEON OFFICERS

At the annual convention of the Sturgeon Provincial Constituency Association, the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Burnell, 1st Vice-President, Andrew Rafn; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. H. Runnalls; Directors—R. Goddard, Gibbons; E. W. Corbett, Horsehills; R. McAllister, Warspite; Elmer Rogers, Waskatenau; Mrs. Mabel Dean, Horsehills; C. Potter, Sunnyside; S. A. Petrie, Egremont; Mrs. Lindsay, Thorhild; W. J. Burchett, Tawatinau; F. C. Clare, Belmont; Mr. Crozier, Namao; H. B. Watson, Colinton; Mrs. Warr, Waskatenau; J. O'Brien, Egremont; D. W. West, Waskatenau; Hugh Mackenzie, Bon Ac-

cord; C. Villeneuve, Lamoureux; Thomas Weeks, Horsehills; Glen Storie, Notre Dame.

EAST EDMONTON OFFICERS

Charles Burnell was elected President of the East Edmonton Federal Constituency Association at the Convention held in Edmonton on December 20. Mrs. Mabel Dean and E. W. Corbett are Vice-Presidents for 1928, while Francis C. Clare is again the Secretary. The Directors elected are as follows: R. Bailey, Namao; F. C. Clare, Belmont; J. B. McEwen, Gibbons; C. Potter, Sunnyside; Mrs. H. Runnalls, Poplar Lake; Rice Sheppard, Strathcona; Mrs. C. R. Speer, Notre Dame; Mrs. W. Yoachim, Belmont; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, Namao; Mrs. Cameron, Turnip Lake; P. Hutchings, Poplar Lake; Mrs. Appleby, Horsehill; Glen Storie, Notre Dame; M. Godbout, Vamoureux; Thomas Weeks, Horsehills.

the inspection is under the Producers' Exhibition. In the United States they have yielded to the demand of producer to get grades lowered, until it was necessary for the Federal Government to appoint a Supervising Officer, and that started Federal appeals.

Inspection Affects Price

One of the largest exporters in Montreal, who exports U.S. wheat, when he makes a bid for American grain, when it is under Government supervision, has to pay from 2c to 5c more than for ordinary grading. I want you to dwell on that; where there is inspection—inspection that can be relied upon, you have to pay more for wheat, that is the producers are entitled to get a higher price.

In Canada we have a system that is second to none. It is head and shoulders above any other method; and there is something about our inspection that the public never says very much about, and that is it is the only place for millers to buy grain certificates final. Wheat bought from Australia, India and Argentina, is subject to arbitration in London. Then how important it is that we should keep our inspection of grain up to as high a plane as possible. I make a statement which I know to be true: *The producers of grain have everything to gain by a high standard, and everything to lose by a low one.*

Now there has been a great deal of talk about splitting the grades of grain, but I think if the farmers had all the information on this subject they would not worry much about it. I wonder how many people in this room, outside of the Chief Inspector and myself, know how many grades of wheat there are in Canada today. We have 573 grades of wheat, and with the tough and damaged grain it brings the number up to 1700. I mention this because our Chief Inspector was too modest. You see the load he has to look after to properly place and grade something over 700 types and conditions of grain. The two prime reasons for having so many grades of wheat are bad farming and bad weather. You have on your resolutions a request that the tough grains be divided, but if you passed that resolution it would put the number of grades over 2000. But even supposing that we agree that the farmers lose by having to take a spread, that loss is very small compared with the holding up of transportation.

Two years ago we had every elevator full at the Head of the Lakes, some 30 or 35 boat loads, and after that we had 6,000 cars standing in the yard, the bulk tough and damaged, and nowhere to put it. I just want you to think of that, we had 6,000 cars, most of it tough or damaged and nowhere to put it. Now, what was to be done with it? It was in danger of heating. Our Inspection Department put inspectors on who inspected those cars once a week all winter, and when we saw a car sweating the car was ordered out and taken to the elevator. The railroad company gave us cars and the grain was dried and put into empty space, and as a result of this care and inspection not one bushel of grain was injured. Last year it was not quite so bad—we had only 4,000 cars at the same period of year, and instead of 48 miles to travel over as the previous year, we had only 32 miles of cars. But we followed the same procedure and not one bushel was allowed to get out of condition nor lose grade during the long wait for shipment east.

The Matter of Tough Grades

You have heard the Inspector speak, and you have spoken of the inspection

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Member of Canada Grain Commission States Views on Grain Grading

Jas. Robinson Delivers Address Before U.F.A. Annual Convention—Compares Canada's System of Handling Grain with that of Other Countries.

In my opinion the grading of your grain is by far the most important subject that has come or shall come before this meeting. Important, because it affects the transportation of your grain, the sale of your grain, and lastly and by far the most important, it affects the reputation of your grain, in the markets of the world.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of this and very many other audiences to hold a sentiment that seems to imply that there is something wrong with the inspection department. Now, I don't think that is fair. We admit that there is dissatisfaction. We don't believe that it is possible to evolve and put in practice any system that will satisfy every producer of grain. That being the case, I want to refer to one or two other systems of handling grain and some of the questions that were asked may be answered by that.

In Other Wheat Countries

We have in the markets of the world four great competing countries—that is to say, we have four countries that produce a large amount of grain for export. These are Australia, India, Argentina and the United States. Each of these countries has some method by which they convey to the purchasing public the commodity that they have to sell. In Australia they don't have a grading system. They have only two grades, or as a matter of fact they have only one grade, and rejected. Their system is fair average quality. And every export is subject to arbitration in the city of London.

India conducts their business in pretty much the same way. The same would apply to Argentina. But I notice they vary it a little because they give fair average quality of a given wheat. They have no inspection system and each export is subject to arbitration in the city of London, England.

Then we come to our neighbor, the United States. They have a grading system very similar to ours, and I shall endeavor just to draw your attention to where they agree and where they differ.

We hear in meetings, like this, statements made with all the authority of "lack of information"—I believe some

Addresses on the grading of Canadian grain were delivered at Wednesday afternoon's sitting of the U.F.A. Annual Convention by J. D. Fraser, Chief Grain Inspector, and James Robinson, of the Canada Grain Commission. It will be remembered that Mr. Fraser spoke upon the same subject at the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and a summary of the address and questions which followed was printed in the Wheat Pool pages of *The U.F.A.* We print Mr. Robinson's address in full herewith. The important discussion which followed the two addresses, when many questions were asked by delegates, will be given in summary in the next issue of this paper.

of them were made here today. A gentleman has asked why we cannot allow 15 per cent moisture in our grain, when the United States allows 16 per cent. Now this statement is not true, and because there is an element of truth in it, it is most misleading and untrue.

Not Same Kind of Bushel

I will read to you very briefly the specifications for grain corresponding to some extent with ours: Red Spring Wheat No. 1 should weigh 58 pounds to the bushel—that is Winchester bushel, and not Imperial as we have. The wheat that would weigh 58 pounds with their measurement, would weigh 60 pounds in ours; and although there seems to be a difference of two pounds in weight, in practice they are the same thing. Now the specification is 14 per cent not 16 per cent. No. 2 shall weigh 57 pounds and contain 14.5 moisture. No. 3 shall weigh 55 pounds and may contain 15 per cent moisture. No. 4 weighs still less, but it may contain 16 per cent moisture. Last Saturday in Winnipeg the difference in price between No. 1 and No. 4 was 32c.

Speaking in a general way the carrying out of grading in the United States is by State Officials. In the city of New York

Twentieth Annual Convention of U. F. A. Affords Abundant Evidence of Vitality of the Farmers' Movement

Large Attendance, Enthusiasm Tempered by Sobriety and Tolerance in Debate, Feature Sessions
—Wheat Grading Topic of Premier Interest

If other evidence had been lacking of the essential vitality of the farmers' movement in Alberta, the Twentieth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, held in the Central Methodist Church, Calgary, from January 17th to 20th inclusive, would have proved convincing.

While the total of paid-up membership fell short in 1927 of recently preceding years, the number of delegates was higher in proportion to the membership, totalling 485, and almost as many visitors from all parts of the Province (active members of the Association who wished to follow the deliberations of the Convention) were present during the greater part of the week. The body of the church and the galleries were almost continuously filled, largely by farmer visitors.

Constructive Policies

But it was not simply or chiefly the numbers in attendance that bespoke the strength of the movement. A most notable change in the character of U.F.A. Conventions down the years since the formation of the organization has been manifest in increasing devotion to constructive policies, and a decreasing tendency to indulge in purely destructive criticism. President Wood's striking speech in acknowledging his re-election on Wednesday, was in line with the actual tendency of the Convention.

In quiet enthusiasm, in average debating power, in tolerance, in the refusal of delegates to be stampeded by any kind of red herring, and their determination to judge, quietly and soberly, upon their merits, even issues in respect to which the obscurantist section of the press has been successful in building up the most massive walls of prejudice, the Convention was perhaps the most notable in the history of the Association. Combined with a healthy tendency to concentrate on practical affairs there was evident a determination to examine evidence closely upon the larger issues in respect to which, since its entrance into the fields of Federal and Provincial affairs, the elected representatives must take action and are desirous of guidance.

Wheat Grading Outstanding Topic

Undoubtedly the question which aroused most interest was the discussion on wheat grading. The past two seasons, when weather conditions during and following harvest have been unfavorable, have served in an unprecedented degree, to bring grading questions to the fore. The presence of the Chief Grain Inspector and a member of the Canada Grain Commission afforded an opportunity on January 18th to come to grips with these questions. As detailed a report of the discussion as possible will be given in due course in these columns.

The report of the Committee of the Central Board on Banking and Credit served as the basis for another important debate and was productive of a number of thoughtful speeches. The resolutions on

Central Board Committees for 1928

Co-operative

D. MacLachlan, J. E. Brown, I. V. Macklin.

Banking and Credit

A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. A. Johansen.

Transportation

H. E. G. H. Scholefield, H. Critchlow, H. B. McLeod.

Education

Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Field, G. H. Biggs.

Organization

Executive Committee.

Newspaper

Executive Committee.

Senior Committee on Young People's Work

H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Mrs. Gunn.

Grain Enquiry

S. J. Ewing.

educational subjects also excited a great deal of interest, and there was a particularly strong demand for the provision, at as early a date as possible, in the public and agricultural schools, of education in the principles of co-operation.

Other Important Questions

The discussion on hail insurance, following Mr. Tovell's very complete report, was another feature of the Convention. The resolution which urged the opening up of negotiations with a view to establishing diplomatic and trade relations with Russia, also occasioned a useful and instructive debate, bringing to light the fact that leading Conservative newspapers in Britain, such as the *London Observer* and *London Spectator*, had been critical of the breach by the British Government, and that to advocate normal relationships with all countries was to be in line with a powerful body of British opinion.

During the first day of the Convention there was perhaps a tendency to pass resolutions with undue haste, or to table resolutions without adequate discussion, but the wheat grading discussion served to break the ice, and from that time onward, there was little lack of thoroughness.

In no previous Convention have so many delegates shown knowledge of proper procedure in debate, or been more careful in its observance. For this a considerable share of credit is undoubtedly due to the chairmen who have been chosen to preside over the Convention, and who have established the delegates' confidence in their fairness and desire for fairplay for all points of view represented on the floor of the assembly. The Parliamentary experience of the chairmen has also placed them in a position to give sound advice to the Convention upon matters of procedure when this has been required.

No time limit was imposed upon speeches this year, and none was found necessary, for there was little tendency to make unduly long speeches, and as little tendency to suppress any delegate who had anything to contribute to the debates. The Convention closed in good time, with all resolutions and other business dealt with. Forty-six resolutions were passed by the U.F.A. Convention and four by the U.F.W.A. Convention—a heavy decrease as compared with former years.

The social night in the Palliser on the Monday preceding the Convention, and the banquet splendidly arranged and admirably carried out by the ladies of the U.F.W.A. in the Palliser hotel on Wednesday evening, January 18th, were among the notable features of the week.

Convention Called to Order

The Convention was called to order by President Wood promptly at 10 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, January 28th, when the delegates rose and sang "O Canada", following which Rev. H. W. Avison pronounced the invocation. An address of welcome was delivered by His Honor Lieut. Governor Egbert, who congratulated the farmers of Alberta on the largeness of the harvest of 1927. He deplored the fact that Canada Thistles were gaining ground in some parts of the Province, and urged that every effort be put forth to eradicate noxious weeds, and also to beautify the farm homes of Alberta.

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor Osborne, Ald. Dr. McGill, Acting Mayor, welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city of Calgary. Some years ago, he remarked, Alberta had imported turkeys from Eastern Canada and butter from New Zealand, but it was a matter for gratification that owing to the progress made in production in this Province, such a state of affairs no longer existed.

Chairmen Elected

Upon the President calling for nominations for chairman of the Convention, it was moved and seconded and unanimously carried that Mr. Wood himself perform this function and that two assistant chairmen be appointed. Messrs. Robert Gardiner, M.P., and E. J. Garland, M.P., were unanimously elected as assistant chairmen, and presided alternatively, during the greater part of the sessions of the Convention.

Convention Committees

The following committees were agreed upon by the Convention, on recommendation of the Central Board:

Credentials—J. C. Buckley, H. C. McDaniel, J. E. Brown.

Resolutions—S. Lunn, G. H. Biggs, H. Hanson.

Order of Business—A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. A. Johansen.

Entertainment—S. Lunn.

Ushering—D. MacLachlan.

Following the address of President Wood, which was adopted amid hearty

applause, Mrs. Gunn presented her annual address to the U.F.A. Convention. This also was adopted with much enthusiasm. The President of the Junior Branch, C. Mills, then read his annual report. The motion to adopt was carried with an amendment, moved by C. Axelson, to the effect that this address be printed in pamphlet form like the addresses of the President of the U.F.A. and the President of the U.F.W.A.

After the reading of the report of the Central Board by H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-President, Mr. Egger asked what the cost of U.F.A. broadcasting had been to date. Mr. Scholefield replied that the evening broadcasts which had been given so far had all been by courtesy of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and had cost the U.F.A. nothing. He also announced that the *Albertan* had kindly offered to put the U.F.A. Convention "on the air" free during the periods when the *Herald* radio would not be doing so. This announcement was received with applause.

Financial Statements

Upon the Convention assembling for the afternoon session, Mr. Scholefield presented the financial statement, showing a deficit of \$612.68 for the year ending November 30th, 1927. Receipts from dues in respect to all branches of the Association totalled \$19,030.46, of which \$15,151.21 represented U.F.A. Local dues, \$3,433.80 dues of the U.F.W.A. Locals and \$266.45 from Junior Locals. Arrears of dues paid in 1927 totalled \$1,505.50. The U.G.G. grant for the year was \$4,000. Items of expenditure included \$441.11 for President's expenses during the year, President Wood having declined any salary; Board meetings \$2,064.13; Executive meetings \$772.75; Vice-President's Expenses \$1,541.95; U.F.W.A. President's expenses \$546.10. Organization expenses for the year totalled \$4,125.22; Central Office Expenses \$2,487.24; salaries \$4,522.31; the grand total being \$25,866.72. The U.F.A. revenue statement showed a deficit of \$1,998.81 on the financial year. A report on the newspaper reviewing the activities of the past year was presented later in the week, and will be published in this paper.

The various financial statements were unanimously adopted.

In introducing the amendment to the Constitution which gives representation to the Juniors, Mr. Scholefield explained that the idea came from President Wood, who had felt that it would provide a stimulus to the Junior organization.

Privileges of Floor and Voting

The convention extended the privileges of the floor to elected representatives in the Federal House and Alberta Legislature, and also to the Presidents of all Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations, with voting powers. A proposal to amend the Constitution to confer these powers upon the representatives concerned at all times did not meet with favor and the Convention itself will decide each year what privileges it shall extend to them. "The right to decide who shall have the floor apart from delegates," said Mr. Rafn, "should be left to each Convention."

The first resolution in the program, providing that "when a resolution has been finally dealt with by the Convention, it shall not again be considered without due notice of reconsideration being given and not during the same session," was lost after a brief discussion, and the Conven-

RE-ELECTED



H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD

Re-elected Vice-President by Acclamation.

tion proceeded to pass, with amendment, a resolution from Craigmyle District Association, to the effect that the Central Board shall place all resolutions which are for the consideration of the Provincial Government before all U.F.A. elected

members. The amendment eliminated a provision that this should be done "in strictly private conference."

After some discussion of a resolution from Stettler Provincial C. A., to the effect that "the U.F.A. Association provide all the funds to carry on any campaign," the matter was tabled. The intention of the resolution, it was stated, was that the U.F.A. candidates should not be called upon to pay election expenses, but that the whole cost should be borne by the Constituency Associations. While this view met with favor, it was considered that the matter was for the Constituency Associations to deal with, and not the Annual U.F.A. Convention.

A resolution from the Big Valley to Munson District Association, to the effect that no further donation should be accepted from the United Grain Growers, failed to find a mover when first brought up, and when a delegate sought to have the matter reconsidered later in the week, this permission was not granted.

Right to Swear in Vote

A somewhat lengthy resolution from Wetaskiwin Federal C. A., protesting against certain changes in the Municipal Districts Act, was carried after discussion. It protested especially against the abolition of the right of the voter to swear in his or her vote. Under the system which requires all persons eligible to vote on the supplementary list to send in their own names to the secretary as a condition of their being allowed to vote, it was stated, the door was opened to all kinds of abuse.

Considerable discussion took place on a resolution from Gleichen Provincial C. A., asking that municipalities be given the right to appeal to the Legislature against assessments by the equalization

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Joint Conference Plans Expansion of Farmers' Co-operative Activities

AS RESULT OF IMPORTANT GATHERING IN CALGARY, U.F.A. WILL UNDERTAKE WORK OF OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE THIS YEAR FOR CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

A conference which may prove historic in its bearing on the future of the farmers' movement in this Province was held in the Lougheed Building, Calgary, on January 24th. Those in attendance were: President Wood and Vice-President Scholefield and members of the Executive and Board of the U.F.A.; Premier Brownlee, Hon. R. G. Reid and Hon. Geo. Hoadley, representing the Alberta Government; and representatives of the four Alberta co-operative marketing Pools. As a result of the conference two committees will be appointed, the personnel to be named by each of the organizations concerned.

The first of these committees will consist of three members representing the U.F.A. Board, and one each from the four Pools. It will deal with co-operative marketing effort in Alberta and confer with the Government upon matters affecting the progress of this movement.

The second committee will consist of three members representing the U.F.A. and three representing the Alberta Co-operative League, an organization composed of co-operative stores in the Province. This committee will also confer with the Government, and it is in fact anticipated that both committees will confer with the Government jointly.

The object of the action taken by the conference is to secure greater co-ordination of effort between the various farmer bodies, to bring about reduction of overhead and management expenses where possible and to bring about expansion of effort in certain vitally important directions. It is proposed that the U.F.A. shall take this matter in hand and do the necessary work through its membership in the country.

The U.F.A. will have a definite, tangible objective to work for in the immediate future in connection with this matter, and it is anticipated that one of the results of the conference will be a substantial increase in U.F.A. membership, which will mean a strengthening of the hands of the organization in its efforts to further co-operative marketing and co-operative consumers' activities.

Fourteenth Annual Convention of United Farm Women of Alberta Best in Many Years

Large Attendance at Sessions and Interest Proves Intense—Mrs. Gunn is Re-elected President by Acclamation—Banquet in Palliser Unique Event of Week

By Miss E. M. HULL, Secretary U.F.W.A.

On Tuesday, January 17th, the United Farm Women of Alberta opened their Convention in the Central United Church, Calgary. Although we had very cold weather right up until Convention time, a chinook arrived just in time to help make the week enjoyable from every standpoint, and the 1927-28 Convention proved one of the most successful ever held.

At this, the fourteenth Annual Convention, there were 121 accredited delegates, 8 Juniors, 17 officers, and many visitors present. The room where the U.F.W.A. met for separate sessions was always crowded to the doors, and the fact that many stood up during the sessions, through shortage of space, is proof that our program was of exceptional interest to our women.

Tuesday, at 2 p.m. the official opening took place; the Rev. H. W. Avison offered the invocation. Mr. Avison is minister of the Central United Church.

Premier Addresses Convention

The Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta, brought to the Convention greetings from the Government. Mr. Brownlee spoke of our Public Health Program as being one of the finest on the continent, and assured us that the Government was always ready and willing to make any improvements possible in

this and other branches. He assured us that the Government was in sympathy with us in our desire for personal naturalization and personal domicile, and that although it would take time to secure these things, there was no doubt of their being realized.

After the appointment of the various Convention Committees, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President, gave her report for the past year. Mrs. Gunn talked of the work done during the past year, and made a suggestion that perhaps a week, similar to that of Young People's Week, could be arranged at either the University, or one of the schools of agriculture, where farm women could learn some of the fundamentals of home economics.

Challenge of the New Year

In concluding her report, Mrs. Gunn said: "We have started out bravely in organized work, and the measure of our progress in the years to come will be the measure of individual response on the part of the farm women of the West. Will it be said in after years, 'They held in their hands the open sesame, the key that would unlock the prison door and set them free, and some through sheer indifference neglected the task; others like Martha cumbered with much sewing, had no time; while others still, with one accord began to make excuses.' Or

will the records show 'one equal temper of heroic hearts—strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.' This, then, is the choice that lies before our farm women. This the challenge of the New Year."

Mrs. F. E. Wyman, 1st Vice-President, read the report of the Executive; the Directors for the various Constituencies each read a report of the work done in her constituency, and the Secretary read her report of the work passing through Central Office. Following these, Mrs. Warr gave a very interesting report of the Junior Work done during the year. Mrs. Warr concluded her very fine report with these words: "May you each become human radios, broadcasting the aims of our Junior branch until every community will have a vigorous and enthusiastic Local, training our boys and girls in the aims and responsibilities of our great movement, so that we shall be assured of a continuous supply of earnest minded, clear-thinking men and women entering our Senior organization; then we will be able to feel confident that what we have accomplished is 'but earnest of the things we yet shall do.'"

Junior Officers Speak

Miss Molly Coupland, Vice-President of the Juniors, Mr. Ottewell, Director
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U.F.W.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1928

Standing, left to right—Mrs. Mary Banner, Dowling; Mrs. D. J. Christie, Strathcona; Mrs. J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; Mrs. A. H. Warr, Waskatenau; Mrs. W. G. Baker, Medicine Hat; Mrs. S. J. Bentley, N. Edmonton; Mrs. H. E. G. H. Scholfield, Crossfield; Mrs. T. M. Carlson, Cardston; Mrs. Pickles, Hayter.
Sitting—Mrs. B. F. Kiser, High River; Mrs. W. D. McNaughton, Ranfurly; Mrs. J. W. Field, 2nd Vice-President, Spurfield; Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President, Lloydminster; Mrs. F. E. Wyman, 1st Vice-President, Baintree; Mrs. R. Price, Stettler; Mrs. E. H. Ethridge, Rossington.
Front Row—Mrs. P. C. Hepburn, Elnora; Miss E. M. Hull, Secretary, Calgary.

Twelfth Presidential Address Delivered by H. W. Wood at Annual Convention

President Reviews Nineteen Years' History of United Farmers of Alberta—Successes Achieved by U.F.A. in Launching Great Enterprises for Service of Agriculture Have Affected Numerical Strength of Parent Association—Resting Times Which Are Testing Times—Real and Solid Strength of the Organization

The United Farmers of Alberta, as an organization, is nineteen years old. According to the legal status of an individual man, it is yet two years "under age." Measured by its "paid-up" membership, it is not a giant, or a side-show monstrosity. From this standpoint not a little anxiety has been expressed within the family circle concerning its physical condition, though little fear has been manifested regarding its mental or spiritual vigor. Many nostrums have been prescribed, but the patient seems indifferent about taking most of them, and does not react very satisfactorily to any. Before a doctor can intelligently prescribe a remedy he must intelligently diagnose the ailment with the view of determining the cause or causes. The question is, what has caused the present condition of the U.F.A. regarding its membership?

IS FAILURE OR SUCCESS DENOTED?

To intelligently arrive at conclusions on this question, it will be necessary to review the history of the U.F.A.; its aims and objects; how it went about achieving those aims and objects; where it succeeded and where failed; and thus ascertain from what the present condition resulted. All results are produced by causes. Do the present results of preceding causes denote failure or success? When these things are determined we will be in a better position to intelligently consider the best method of dealing with the situation.

In 1909 the U.F.A. was organized. Stated in a general way, its aims and objects were to better the farmers' condition directly, and also their relations with other industrial classes. Systematic co-operation was necessary because this work could not be done by individuals. Systematic co-operation could not be carried on without systematic organization; therefore organization had to precede co-operation. A great deal of work had to be done in the development of organization. As organization progressed, co-operative activities were inaugurated and carried on. These were small and comparatively simple at first, but required much thought and effort. Farmers were novices at such work and had the science of co-operative construction all to learn. The burden fell very heavily on a few, but the number of practical workers was gradually augmented and the organization grew and became a busy hive of active workers throughout the Province.

The members met frequently in their Locals and had much discussion regarding their troubles and the causes of them. Much effort was put forth to bring about minor reforms. It was recognized from the beginning that the problems they were facing could not be fully solved by these efforts, but some good was accomplished and all these first activities served as valuable training for the greater efforts to follow. While it was generally recognized that these larger things would have to come, just how to inaugurate and conduct them in a practical way was a problem that the farmers did not know how to solve, and they had no clear precedent for guidance. But the work progressed, and both membership and activities increased. The smaller undertakings gradually grew into larger ones, but ten years passed before any really big thing was undertaken.

PLAN OF POLITICAL REFORM LAUNCHED

During these ten years of operation the old idea, formerly so prevalent

in farmers' organizations, that all our troubles would have to be solved by legislation, was gradually giving way to the newer and truer one of the necessity of developing industrial strength and solidarity sufficient to enable us to deal on the basis of equal efficiency with other industrial interests. This, however, did not cause us to lose sight of, or to minimize the importance of better government through political reform. So in January, 1919, our organization launched a system of political reform in addition to all other activities that were being carried on.

This, of course, greatly increased our work, but it also increased interest. While the work that had already been inaugurated was being carried on, the additional work of organizing districts and otherwise perfecting the machinery necessary to election activities was taken up and carried forward zealously. This was the period of the greatest amount of activity within the primary organization, and it was also the period of the greatest numerical strength. It is very interesting, as well as instructive, to note how the membership increased in what seems to be almost exact ratio to the activities of the organization.

In 1909 the membership was 2,147; in 1910—4,052; 1911—5,872; 1912—7,190; 1913—9,408; 1914—11,252; 1915—11,902; 1916—13,301; 1917—16,493; 1918—18,335; 1919—28,784; 1920—30,760; 1921—37,721; 1922—18,832; 1923—14,626; 1924—15,407; 1925—13,514; 1926—15,552; 1927—11,589.

FIRST TEN YEARS' GROWTH

Keeping in mind the facts that organization is for the purpose of doing things, and that the development of organization itself involves much work, we find that as the organization was being built up, and the activities within it increasing, the membership gradually increased till the close of the year 1918, when it had reached over eighteen thousand. Up to this time, all activities had been based on minor enterprises, but they were of sufficient importance to keep up active interest, and the growth and vigor of the organization seem to have been in almost exact ratio to the amount of work that was being done. It must not be inferred from this that work was being done for work's sake. The work was inspired by the healthy growth of the organization during the first ten years of existence.

In January, 1919, we inaugurated our first major enterprise in deciding to take political action. This from a superficial viewpoint, seemed to be a dangerous reversion to an old and disastrous habit of farm organizations. It is well known that such organizations, believing that all social reform depended primarily and almost entirely on legislative enactment, had sooner or later entered the political field. We knew that such efforts had invariably proven disastrous, both to the political enterprise and to the organization that inaugurated it. But we also thought we knew the cause of such disaster and how to avoid it.

FATAL MISTAKES OF FORMER ORGANIZATIONS

Former farmers' organizations had undertaken social reform through political activities. In doing so they made two fatal mistakes: 1st, in thinking that political action was



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primary in social reform; and 2nd, in not understanding that political reform is a distinct problem within itself, and that its solution is vital to the solution of the greater and all embracing problem of social reform. We did not enter the political field with any exaggerated idea of dealing therein directly with our complicated industrial problems, but rather with the idea of reforming the political system, and at the same time continuing our industrial reform activities.

Farmers' organizations entering the political field without realizing the weakness of the established party system, did so as political parties. This, coupled with the idea that the securing of legislation was of supreme importance, diverted their attention from the organization to the party. They thought all their activities were to be carried on in the political field, and that there was nothing more to be accomplished through the organization—no more work to be done there. Their organization was their work-shop and this work-shop being deserted, was soon dismantled and the tools lost. When their efforts through the hopeless political system had failed, they returned to the scene of their former work-shop to find only desolation.

RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON MEMBERSHIP

In the inauguration of our political activities, we not only left all the work to be done within the organization, but placed the responsibility of that work directly on the membership. These new activities were in no wise to interfere with those that were already being carried on. They simply represented that much more work to be done, and were in no wise a turning from industrial to political activities. The organization knew that industrial reform was even more vital to agricultural prosperity than political reform. A major political reform movement was undertaken first because we got to it first, never intending for a moment to relax our efforts till some major industrial measure was successfully launched.

Entering the political field as an organization not only necessitated the keeping up of the machinery to meet the requirements of the new activities; districts and constituencies also had to be organized. Preparations for selecting delegates and holding conventions had to be made. Arrangements for financing and carrying on elections also had to be made. All of this involved innumerable details and had to be done by the membership without any overlordship by any boss or bosses, and could be done only through the medium of organization.

This newly added work in no wise dismayed the membership of the U.F.A. On the contrary, it was an opportunity they had long been waiting for—an opportunity to exercise their own political rights in their own way, and the responsibility of making a success was on their shoulders entirely. Never before did a farmers' organization have such an opportunity, and never before were farmers so inspired to go forward to the successful completion of a great undertaking. These efforts were sustained without abatement from February, 1919, till after the elections in 1921. This was the period of the greatest activity of the U.F.A., and likewise it was the time of its greatest growth in membership.

In January, 1919, the U.F.A. had a membership of 18,335. At the close of December, 1921, it had a membership of 37,721—an increase of nearly 106 per cent. in thirty-six months. The organization had been at work—doing things,

accomplishing things—and was correspondingly healthy and vigorous. When the objective of this work had been fully accomplished, naturally strenuous activities would cease and interest slacken off correspondingly.

INCENTIVE TO ACTION LACKING

After the elections in 1921 the political machinery had been completed, tried out and found successful. The great incentive to action no longer existed. A resting time had come. Of course the other work was still being carried on, but it represented no enterprise of sufficient importance to sustain strenuous and united action, and the result was that the membership began immediately to fall away. The next year the membership had fallen to 18,832. This was only 500 more than the membership of 1918—the year previous to the organization deciding to take political action. Since then it has fluctuated between 13,500 and 16,000.

Since 1919 an agitation for a Wheat Pool had been carried on, and efforts made to organize one covering the three Provinces, but this was found impracticable and had to be abandoned. But the idea had fastened itself in the minds of the membership of the organization, and held there till 1923, when the U.F.A. determined to organize a Pool on the Provincial basis. The Board of Directors met early in July for that purpose, and on the 29th of October, the Alberta Wheat Pool started operations.

Unfortunately, the machinery of the U.F.A. could not be adapted to function in the control of the operations of the Wheat Pool. This control of necessity had to be vested in all the Wheat Pool members, and the Wheat Pool members only. Had it been practicable for the U.F.A. to control and operate the Alberta Pool, it would probably have created a greater and longer sustained interest in the organization than anything else ever has. But such was not the case. This work was taken out of the organization, and while the membership and friends of the organization are as actively at work in the farmers' interest as they ever were, the organization is not their only work-shop. The results of their activities, of course, are just the same, and just as beneficial to the farmers' interests, but there is no question regarding the effect on the organization. This is clearly indicated by the decrease in the membership.

DUE TO FAILURE OR SUCCESS?

Much concern has been manifested during the last two years regarding the falling away of our membership from the 1921 peak, and I confess sharing in that concern. Our membership since 1921 has averaged 14,500. In the year just closed it stands 11,589—the lowest since 1916. What is the matter? Is it sickness or just idleness? Sickness because of failure, or idleness because of success? No other farmers' organization in the world has such a record of achievement as the United Farmers of Alberta. So it can not be sickness caused by failure. Then it must be idleness, or careless indifference because of success? I think there is something to this, but the idleness is more apparent than real, for the work is being done by the same farmers, for the same farmers, though carried on largely in another work-shop. This work-shop was created by the organization for that purpose, and results of the work done in it, from the standpoint of reasonable expectations, are ex-

ceedingly satisfactory, and the U.F.A. has every reason to be proud of the fruits of its efforts.

Then what about the U.F.A.—the parent organization? Has it done its work so well, and completed it so thoroughly, that its existence is no longer necessary or justified? I presume there are forty thousand farmers in Alberta who would answer that question negatively. Still they do not give the organization the active support it deserves. As the parent organization it is a tower of strength, not only in defense of all the reform and constructive activities being carried on by the farmers of Alberta, but also a defense against the encroachments on human rights in a broader field. Its death would be a blow to the farmers' movement, reaching far beyond the borders of Alberta. The question is, how can the U.F.A. be kept in a condition of normal health and vigor during slack periods, so that it will be ready to act at all times—to put the full force of its machinery into immediate operation when an emergency arises?

THE ACTUAL SITUATION

In the first place, let us deal frankly regarding the actual situation. We have had four years of very slack times. The political machinery had all been set up, adjusted and ready for use at any time. In 1925, and again in 1926, it was quietly put into motion and successfully operated, "just as a part of the day's work." When the elections were over this work was completed and there would be no need of the political machinery until the next time, when it would be ready for use again. In 1923 the Wheat Pool had been set up and made self-operative. The U.F.A. had no more direct responsibility from that standpoint. There was no more work of major importance before the organization. The great work had been accomplished. A resting time had come.

Resting times are frequently dangerous times, and I think perhaps this resting time of the U.F.A. represents the most dangerous period of its existence. I would not undertake to give assurance that the danger is past, but I am convinced that there is much to encourage us, and I am not convinced that this resting time has not been the crucial test that has proved the strength and solidarity of the organization. We find that there are among our Alberta farmers approximately fifteen thousand men and women who have so developed the spirit of co-operation and the habit of organization that they keep their membership alive, and are ready at all times to man the machinery of the organization and put it in action when occasion requires. This, to me, indicates real and solid strength, and should be estimated at its real value. It is a strength that has been developed by work well done, and is a safe guarantee for the future. I think it is a mistake to hold out the idea to the membership that they are always needing some kind of fake or artificial stimulation to keep them entertained. The only stimulant that will really stimulate is faith in accomplishment. When this faith is fully established, the work will be done enthusiastically, and no task will be too great.

RESTING TIMES, TESTING TIMES

As already suggested, our resting times are our testing times, and these times must be dealt with practically and intelligently. But how? If activity is the life of an organization, the manifest answer would seem to be "work." But

people do not work for the sake of working. They work to accomplish desired results. An organization, such as the U.F.A., can not be inspired to an enthusiastically sustained effort by some trivial appeal, and at the present there is no enterprise of major importance even under consideration. To undertake something prematurely, or something that is not practical, would mean failure and lost effort, and would do more harm than good. Better intelligent rest than misguided effort. But better no rest that means decay. While a well earned rest is one of nature's greatest blessings, a rest to sluggishness is a curse.

While we are resting our house must be kept in order—and the membership kept up. I would not hesitate to say that in regard to the U.F.A. it is the first duty of every farm man and woman in Alberta, who has vision enough to understand what has been and is yet to be accomplished through organization, to pay up his or her membership dues to the organization. The very fact that you are a member in good standing has a more far-reaching influence than you think. On the other hand, the fact that you are not

a member in good standing has a more far reaching influence than you realize. You are responsible for the continuity of the life of the most successful farmers' organization in the world, and your first obligation is to keep your membership alive by paying your dues. The organization needs the money and you need the organization. This is your first obligation—whether in a working period or a resting period.

Locals should be kept alive and well organized; and while I would not advise holding meetings frequently enough to cause them to become uninteresting and stale, I would urgently advise that each Local have an occasional meeting to review the situation and make decisions. Better one good meeting than a half dozen poor ones.

At this particular time I would advise that special effort be made to extend and stabilize both the U.F.W.A. and the Junior Organizations. Farm women take much more interest in community and social affairs than the men; and it is needless to say they handle them much more adroitly and efficiently. In quite a few communities well organized U.F.W.A.

Locals have handled the situation well and done an inestimable amount of good, but there are still many communities that need the guiding influence of well organized U.F.W.A. Locals. The life and activities of the Juniors are also tied very closely to the community and their recreation and training must depend largely on the community. What more fitting training could they be given than that to be had in Junior Locals?

The U.F.A., in its exploration and conquest of the larger field, has to a great extent overlooked and neglected the importance of the community. Now, when we are more or less at ease, why not give a little more attention to our foundations? Community welfare is just as important as it ever was, and our community problems are by no means solved. Training our boys and girls to take up and carry on the work we have begun is of vital importance, and we have paid entirely too little attention to it. This is a work that is worthy of our hands, and we have the time to turn our hands to it. I would advise that in our 1928 program the community, the U.F.W.A., and the Junior U.F.A. be given very prominent positions.

Address of President of U.F.W.A. to Annual Convention of United Farmers of Alberta

In Message Touched with Imagination Mrs. R. B. Gunn Describes Goal of Our Movement—Essential Unity of Group Emphasized by U.F.W.A. Officers—Farm Women's Efforts Form Part of Activities of Main Organization

The Women's Section again extends to the U.F.A. best wishes for a most successful Convention, and renewed pledges of faith and enthusiasm in the undertaking which we so proudly share.

May we turn for a moment to a brief resume of our Women's work, looking back to the time when the thought of farm women organizing as such was first promoted—when we recognized in the words of the poet, Lowell, that:

"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward stilt, and onward,
Who would keep abreast of Truth."

The spark of Progress was smouldering which burst into a clear but tiny flame when a little group of farm women came as visitors to the U.F.A. Convention held in this city exactly thirteen years ago. From that meeting developed the new concept: that of farm women organized on the same basis as the U.F.A. and working as part of the same group.

The first few years saw the introduction into rural communities of organized groups of women, who for the first time took a part in a formal meeting and carried the responsibility for the inception and continuance of an organization. In nearly every case these U.F.W.A.'s were formed in communities where active U.F.A. Locals carried on interested, efficient, business-like activities. Naturally these women—new to the work of the U.F.A.; breaking entirely new ground in organized work; sensing but indistinctly the direction their efforts should take; groping towards the dawn heralded by the first vivid flashes from leadership singularly keen and sagacious—endeavored to gain in separate meetings the experience and information which such gatherings would provide.

The second period presented a slightly different situation, in which were found

new U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals organized at approximately the same time. In the logical sequence of events in many such cases came joint Locals, where men and women together learned the routine of organized work, and made their contribution to the Provincial organization and to their communities, as a unit. This development was followed by a third, in which U.F.W.A. Locals, after attaining a high degree of efficiency, found that

added impetus could be given to the movement by disbanding as separate groups and joining the Local U.F.A.'s.

Unity of Group Emphasized

Constantly bearing in mind that our farm women were part of the main organization, with efforts directed towards the same ends, the officers of the U.F.W.A. have consistently emphasized the unity of the group and have refrained from concentrating on U.F.W.A. membership. There has been, therefore, a constant re-arranging of membership. But the point to which I wish particularly to direct attention, is that while in the re-arranging some members have drifted away very largely, if not altogether, from the influence and help of the U.F.W.A., the U.F.A., not realizing this, has made no particular effort to retain their interest nor gain their support.

So that at the present time the following situation confronts us. First, there are those who may become indifferent and drift away from their own economic group. Second, those who seeing this, would accentuate the U.F.W.A., and concentrate on retaining every farm woman to the end that a strong, virile, loyal membership might be built up as a farm women's organization. Third, those who wish to emphasize the unity of the aims and aspirations of farm men and women, leaving to each community the decision whether the work shall be carried on in joint or separate Locals.

It has appeared to me of sufficient importance to direct your thought to this resume of our women's movement. The first two alternatives present no problem; they are the lines of least resistance—the easiest way out—but to build up in a joint co-operative enterprise the three available sources of power and inspiration: the men, the women, and the youth of the farm, presents a task which challenges the



Mrs. R. B. GUNN

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Wheat Pool members should see to it that their delivery check coupons are in the Pool head office right away. The last few weeks we have been urging the members who have not yet sent these coupons in to do so. We have used newspaper advertisements, circulars and the radio to draw this matter to the attention of those who have overlooked it. There has been response on the part of quite a number, but there are still a great many members who have neglected this duty. To these members we repeat our urgings—send your coupons in now. You are holding up the operations of the Growers' Department by your neglect.

The pioneers of the Co-operative Movement, seeing that capital governed the world, and workmen had none, bethought themselves how they might acquire it. They saw that capital

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was an excellent thing. A savage can catch only ten fish a day. The capitalist lends him a net and he catches 200, when the capitalist takes 190 of the fish for the use of the net. That is a good thing for the capitalist. But in due time the capitalist buys the river, and when it suits his purpose he is able to exclude the savage from catching fish any more. That is a bad thing for the savage. The policy for the savage to pursue is to get capital and buy his own net, and keep all the fish he catches. This is the theory of Co-operation.—George Jacob Holyoake in "The Co-operative Movement Today." (1904), from *The Canadian Co-operator*.

J. D. Fraser, chief grain inspector, is making no mistake when he attends farmers' meetings and discusses the Canadian wheat grading system with the grain producers. The explanations of the system of grading which he gives and the questions and comments of his audience should lead to a better understanding and possibly improvements in the system.

There is no doubt that many farmers have suffered serious financial losses through mistakes in grading or through lack of knowledge of the safe-guards provided for them. And there is no doubt that there are a lot of rumors in common circulation with no facts to substantiate them.

More light on the whole question and more frank, free, open discussion will go a long way to a better understanding of every feature involved and more confidence on the producers' part.

The average farmer is contented if he gets a fair deal on grading. There are not many who want more than what is coming to them. It is the uncertainty and the common belief that discrimination is practised that leads to a great deal of the criticism.

Calgary Herald.—The Wheat Pool has retorted in kind to the independent grain trade by publishing a pamphlet entitled "The Truth About Grain Prices." The independents have

SOMETHING TO ANSWER

issued their bulletins giving the average of daily prices throughout the grain year and suggesting by inference that this was the price which they obtained for their clients' wheat, while pointing to the somewhat lower price returned by the Pool to its members. The average of the daily prices was not, of course, what the independent grain companies paid to non-pool farmers. What was paid was the return for the one day on which the individual farmer sold his wheat through them.

The Pool now, by statement and graph, shows the curve of prices each month from September to the following August, with the deliveries of non-pool wheat each month. The Pool makes the declaration that by far the larger proportion of wheat delivered to non-pool agencies was sold in the earlier part of the shipping year when prices were low and with a minor exception, well below the Pool price. By contrast, the Pool sold more than 52 million bushels during June, July, August and September, 1927, when prices were high. This is "one important reason why the Pool's price is so much higher

than the price paid for non-pool wheat," to quote the Pool's circular.

The grain trade's average of \$1.46 1-8 was obtained by adding together the daily closing quotations and dividing the sum by the number of days. The Pool is quite right in saying that the figure is valueless as a comparison of Pool and non-Pool prices as "it completely ignores the most important factor in computing a true average—namely, the volume of grain sold at the various prices throughout the year."

The Pool has decided not to sit quietly under the barrage of figures and statements issued by the independents in attack upon Pool's results. It is carrying the war into the enemy's camp, and all farmers who secure a copy of the Pool's bulletin, "The Truth About Grain Prices," will realize that the Pool has given the non-Pool farmers something to answer.

Winnipeg Free Press.—The Alberta Wheat Pool has just issued a very complete bulletin containing the history of the organization and operating methods of the Provincial Pool, together with an account of the elevator system, handling and financing Pool grain, the Pool contract, Wheat Pool economy, Wheat Pool statistics, etc. This little handbook will serve

POOL BOOKLET

as a mine of information to those desiring information on this subject as well as an official source of information when used as a reference.

In the divine plan of creation, Dr. Mayo, of Rochester, credits co-operation as the force which when properly attuned produces the normal man.

HUMAN LIFE IS CO-OPERATION

This eminent medical authority says, "There is enough fat in the human body for seven bars of soap, enough iron for a medium-sized nail, enough sugar to fill a salt shaker, enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop, enough phosphorous for a box of matches, magnesium enough for a dose of magnesium, potassium enough to explode a toy cannon, sulphur enough to rid a dog of fleas. All worth 98 cents—separated."

"Joined together in just the right proportions, in just the right relationship to one another, working together on a definite plan, co-operating, they constitute the greatest known machine, with unlimited possibilities of accomplishments."

"There is a real lesson in co-operation in contemplation of the component elements that go to make up man."—*California Citrograph*.

A number of requests for our latest pamphlet "Pooling Alberta's Wheat" have been received. It is to be hoped that there will be a great many more who will write to get a copy.

NEW BOOKLET

This booklet contains an historical sketch of the Pool movement, a summary of activities of the Pool, an explanation of our marketing policy, financial statements of the Alberta Pool since its inception, financial statement of the Central Selling Agency, a chapter of comments from various public men and newspapers, and a statistical summary giving number of line and terminal elevators operated by each Pool, bushels handled by each Pool since the organizations commenced operations, total wheat crops in each Province, total world's wheat production over a period of years, and other interesting information. It is your duty to learn all you can about the organization, and one of the best ways in which you can do this is to get a copy of "Pooling Alberta's Wheat" and read it from cover to cover. There is no charge for this booklet.

APPRECIATES BOOKLET

The following is a letter of appreciation of "Pooling Alberta's Wheat" received from Henry H. Bakken, of the Department of Agricultural Economics of The University of Wisconsin:

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the recent bulletin on 'Pooling Alberta's Wheat.' I think that this is a splendid publication, with complete explanation of your organization's operations for the year. It would be a splendid thing if more co-operatives could publish pamphlets giving their members such information."

"I shall appreciate any other information you send me on your organization, for I am very interested in your success."

Alberta Wheat Pool Elevator Page

Review of Pool Elevator Operations

Lease on Prince Rupert Terminal Renewed for Four Year Period

C. M. Hall, Manager of Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, issued a letter to the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates on January 21st, which outlined the operations of the elevator system up to the end of the year. Herewith the major portion of the letter is given:

PRINCE RUPERT ELEVATOR LEASE

"Owing to it being necessary for me to make a trip to Ottawa early this month in connection with a further lease of the Prince Rupert terminal, I was unable to write you before with respect to certain essential details of our business as at December 31st, 1927.

"It was considered by the Directors to be advisable for us to ascertain our position with the Government in connection with the Prince Rupert terminal, and I am pleased to say that arrangements have been effected whereby we have leased the elevator there from the Department of Trade and Commerce for a period of five years, from August 1st, 1928, and at a rental considered satisfactory to the Directors.

AVOIDED CONGESTION

"The operation of the Prince Rupert terminal this season has been a very great benefit to the Pool in that it has enabled us to avoid the serious congestion at Vancouver and which has resulted in severe losses to the Trade through the inability of that Port to take care of its commitments. The Pool would have been in the same position as the Trade had it not been for the fact that through Prince Rupert we avoided the congestion that we would have been confronted with at Vancouver had that been our only outlet for Western shipments.

"Our receipts and shipments at both Prince Rupert and Vancouver terminals will be quite heavy during the month of January and I hope to be able to place details thereof before you at an early date in February.

ELEVATOR OPERATIONS

"At the close of business December 31st, 1927, the Elevator Department of the Pool were operating 157 elevators. Two of these, namely, Scandia and Rainier, were only recently completed. At the present time we have three elevators under construction, namely, Two Hills, Hairy Hills and Willingdon, and I hope to advise you in my next report that these elevators are in operation.

ELEVATOR HANDLINGS

"Up to and including December 31st, 1927, we handled through our country elevators a total of 16,103,894 bushels. There was also shipped to us Pool wheat

loaded over the platform by members throughout the Province a total of 1,240,748 bushels. This made a total handling through our country elevators and over the platform of 17,344,642 bushels. At the time of writing, the quantity handled through our country elevators is in excess of 17,000,000 bushels, which, along with platform shipments, makes a total in excess of 19,000,000 bushels. This handling is very gratifying to me and indicates that the elevators of the Pool at a large number of points are receiving the loyal support of the members. During the present week we have had a large number of Pool men, who have been attending the Annual Meeting of the U.F.A., visit us. I am very pleased to say that from these men I have received very gratifying reports with respect to the satisfaction being given by the Pool elevators throughout the Province. I have also been favored with many practical suggestions from these men with respect to improving our service at certain individual points, and it will be a pleasure for me to take care of their wishes in this respect.

REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS

"I am wondering if there is any information I possess here that would be of assistance to you there in keeping the members in your district intelligently posted with respect to the Elevator Department of the Pool. If there is, please do not hesitate to write me. I do hope that you have not, by any chance, overlooked my sincere request for suggestions and constructive criticism of my Department.

"Yours respectfully,

"C. M. HALL."

Award Contract for Elevator Terminal

The Alberta Wheat Pool have awarded a contract to the Northern Construction Company, Limited, and J. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, for their Terminal Elevator at Vancouver, same to be completed and placed in operation by September 1st, 1928.

The elevator will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels with a record-handling workhouse, large unloading capacity, ample cleaning facilities and dock and dock galleries for berthing three boats simultaneously under the loading spouts. It is expected that this elevator will be the last word in grain handling equipment. C. D. Howe & Company, of Port-Arthur, are the Consulting Engineers in charge.

The award of this contract is subject to the satisfactory completion of negotiations now in progress with the City of Vancouver for the acquisition of property which will form part of the elevator site. No difficulty is anticipated in concluding these negotiations in a satisfactory manner.

Manitoba Pool Elevators

The Manitoba Wheat Pool is operating fifty-nine elevators this year. Last year it operated thirty Pool elevators and returned to the growers a considerable surplus in cash after taking care of all expenses, interest on the investment and a ten per cent. payment on the elevators, according to a radio speech made by R. M. Mahoney, manager of the Manitoba Wheat Pool. There seemed to be a fear in the minds of many people that Pool elevators could not possibly handle grain without any street spread and do other than show a big deficit. Mr. Mahoney said, but even the most dubious are now convinced that not only can Pool elevators give service, but they can give it at a minimum cost, due largely to the fact that they have a considerable volume of grain to handle. Volume means a great deal. Last year the Manitoba Pool elevators had an average handling of 193,000 bushels per elevator. The 1927 crop harvested in Manitoba was very poor, but even at that the average handlings of the Manitoba Pool elevators are around 100,000 bushels per house. The Elgin elevator heads the list with a handling of 235,000 bushels.

New elevator associations have been formed at twelve points and work will be started in building these elevators in the spring.

KERNELS' ANNUAL MEETING

The need for the closest kind of harmony and co-operation among the members of the Alberta Wheat Pool staff in order to render the most efficient service to the organization was stressed by H. W. Wood, chairman of the board of directors, in an address delivered to the members of the Wheat Kernels at the annual banquet held on Monday, January 16th. The Wheat Kernels is the name of the social organization of the employees of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Alberta Pool Elevators and the Calgary office of the Canadian Wheat Pool. The association has a membership of over 150. Mr. Wood stated that the directors feel a keen pride in the staff and believe it is about as efficient an organization of men and women as can be gathered together to do the work required. The key men have been selected for their ability, zeal, sincerity and enterprise, he said. The president outlined the dire need for the development of the co-operative spirit in the world today. His message to the Pool employees was to work harmoniously together for the good of the organization. He said the staff had increased from 50 to over 150 in three years. With the continued extension of the Pool idea there is a strong possibility that the number may increase several times over in the next five years.

The banquet was an enjoyable affair and was well attended. At its conclusion, A. Ziegler, president during 1927, delivered a brief address. He then called on H. W. Wood, R. D. Purdy and O. Z. Buchanan for speeches.

The new officers of the Kernels are: President, N. T. Davison; 1st Vice, J. B. Lawrie; 2nd Vice, W. H. Herbert; Secretary, Leo Murphy; Treasurer, Murray Gardiner; Executive—Miss J. Fotheringham, Miss T. French, J. I. Wright, C. J. Floyd, T. R. Humphries, W. M. Jennings, H. Wallace. Honorary President, H. W. Wood; Honorary Members—

ATTENTION

Edmonton District Wheat Pool Members

Pool members of G-7 district (Edmonton division) who are anxious to hold a Pool meeting should apply by letter, telephone or telegram to Andrew Rafn, Bon Accord.

R. D. Purdy, C. M. Hall, T. E. Oliver, O. Z. Buchanan, E. King, R. O. German, R. N. Mangles.

POOL INFLUENCE SEEN IN WHEAT

The Chicago Journal of Commerce—A London letter to a Chicago firm received here a short time ago called attention to "peculiar action of the Winnipeg wheat market" and attributed the irregularity to "the dominating activity of the Pool and its over-awing effect on traders there." Prominent operators here attribute falling off in speculative interest in wheat to the situation created by the Canadian Wheat Pool.

This combination, they say, control so much wheat that they can cause a scarcity or a flood towards the end of a delivery month. In either case they have the hedger at their mercy and can cause price fluctuations not warranted by actual supply and demand conditions, or other normal market factors. These price upheavals are only temporary. They cause loss to some interest or other, usually to millers, shippers, or speculators, and do no good to any one for the reason that the reaction that usually follows catches the trade unprepared.

THE DEMAND FOR WHEAT

Dr. O. E. Baker, economist of the Department of Agriculture, states that white people of the world now consume about 2,525,000,000 bushels of wheat annually. He predicts that twenty-five years from now 3,200,000,000 bushels will be needed, in some 50 years 4,300,000,000 bushels, and in 100 years, 5,800,000,000 bushels. These requirements can be met only through increased production per acre and increased acreage—there is plenty of idle land.—*The National Grain Journal*.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

National Grain Journal.—Those of us in the grain trade who are idly standing around waiting for conditions within the trade to get back where they used to be, might as well stop waiting and accept things as they are. They are not going back to the good old days. The old ways are a thing of the past and they never will be present again.

"IF IT DOES"

National Grain Journal.—The Canadian Pool is investing a lot of its members' money in country and terminal warehouses. There is nothing so worthless as unused or excessive terminal storage and country elevators. When the Pool blows up, if it does, the losses to farmers will be staggering.

More than a million acres were sown to fall wheat in Canada up to October 31st, 1927. About 95,000 acres were sown to fall wheat in Alberta.

Pool Meeting in Edmonton

The semi-annual meeting of Wheat Pool Sub-district G-5, which was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening, January 6th, had the largest attendance of any Pool meeting held in Edmonton since that memorable occasion on which Aaron Sapiro addressed the farmers in 1923. The seating capacity of the chamber was taxed to the uttermost.

The speakers of the evening were George Bennett, Manville, Director for Pool District G (Edmonton Dis.) and Johnstone Ferguson, Tofield, Delegate for Sub-District G-5.

Mr. Bennett gave a short resume of the events which led up to the formation of the Wheat Pool and an outline of what has been accomplished in four years of operation.

Mr. Ferguson gave a very interesting and exhaustive report of the Annual Meeting held in Calgary last November, and stressed the necessity of vigorously prosecuting the sign-up canvass for the new contract term, and urged the canvassers to complete the work before seeding commenced in the spring.

The report was followed by a lively discussion of the subjects dealt with therein. Ways and means of completing the canvass were discussed and the canvassers, all of whom in the sub-district were present, were determined to carry on the canvass with renewed vigor. Another live issue which received much attention from the meeting was wheat grading. Mr. Bennett was able to clear up several points on which some of the members had a rather hazy understanding, but the general opinion still prevailed that there was "something rotten in Denmark." Chief Inspector Fraser notwithstanding. Even the most moderate-minded members admitted that our present grading system is not all that can be desired, and even Mr. Bennett admitted that there might be room for improvement, but he assured those present that the Board of Directors was doing all that was humanly possible to find a solution to the present unsatisfactory elements in the grading of our wheat and other grain.

A. Lunan, Fort Saskatchewan, occupied the chair, and E. Williams, Leduc, was secretary of the meeting.

News & Views

Percy Irvine of Olds has been elected Secretary of the Olds Wheat Pool Local.

The Land says: Victoria (Australia) expects to harvest 23 million bushels of wheat, a reduction of 17 million bushels on the preliminary estimate.

George Bennett, director for Edmonton district held meetings at the following points during the past few weeks: Edmonton, Chauvin, Edgerton, Ribstone, Heath, Sligo, Irma and Holmburg. Pool members turned out in goodly numbers at most of the meetings.

The 1927 Argentine wheat crop has been officially estimated at 220,826,000 bushels. This estimate, plus a carry-over of 35,340,000 bushels from 1926, minus home consumption and seed, estimated at about 77 million bushels, leaves approximately 179 million bushels for export.

Figures supplied by the Alberta Government Railways show that the Peace River country made total grain shipments of 4,160,281 bushels up to the end of 1927. The Peace River Record estimates that another six million bushels will be shipped before Spring work starts. This will be an increase over last year's grain production of approximately five million bushels.

George Schultz of Golden Spike, Alberta, writes:

"I am in receipt of settlement for my car of wheat which I shipped to you and on checking it over found everything to be correct and am well satisfied with grade and weight. This is the first car of wheat I have shipped to the Pool and am well satisfied. I will from now on always remain a member of the Pool."

During the past season a total of 388,706,488 bushels of grain were handled at the port of Montreal. This exceeded the previous year by 58 million bushels. Montreal is the greatest grain port in the world.

Half of the seed used by the farmers of Western Canada would be graded rejected under the Seeds Act, according to a report dealt with at the Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Society of Agronomy held in Winnipeg.

A. W. Tymchuk of Borashchow, Alberta, in a recent letter stated that Adam Babiuk, Pool field man among the Ukrainians, gave an interesting address on Wheat Pool matters one day last month. Mr. Babiuk gave a full explanation of the resolutions and business transacted at the Annual Pool Delegates' Meeting. After his speech a number of questions were asked and answered in a clear, concise manner.

O. Z. Buchanan, Western Sales Manager of the Pool, who was on a recent visit to the Coast, stated that the Wheat Pool shipped nearly 50 per cent. of all grain exported during December from Prince Rupert and Vancouver. As far as the Pool is concerned, Mr. Buchanan stated, our ships have not been delayed; in fact we have made better time than the average despatch of ships during the past two or three years.

Co-operative marketing has its foundations in religion and ethics, as well as in economics and business. In one of its aspects, it exemplifies the truest spirit of human brotherhood, therein it is religious; in another aspect, it is righteousness and justice in the market place, therein it is ethical; in still another, it is efficiency and economy, and therein typifies the best in business practice.—Washcoegg.

AMERY HEARS OF POOL

The facts regarding the operations and objectives of the Wheat Pool were placed before Col. F. S. Amery, Secretary of the Colonies in the British Government, while he was in Alberta. R. D. Purdy, manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, attended a meeting held in Edmonton and outlined the aims of the Pool in a brief address. Later, in Calgary H. W. Wood visited Col. Amery and went over the situation. Col. Amery stated publicly that in organizing for the handling and selling of their products, the farmers were only following a principle now being generally accepted in commercial circles the world over.

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Dear Farm Women,

Now that the first part of the journey is over we are beginning to feel that perhaps after all life may be worth living.

It has occurred to me that you might be interested to hear a little of the equipment and service of these big boats. Some of you of course know more of them than I do, but probably some know quite as little as I did when I started.

As these liners approach the wharf they look huge compared with the other boats, and this is of course not one of the big boats of the line. This one, which is now on its second trip, is 601 feet long and when it sails up the St. Lawrence in the Spring will be the largest boat to have come up to Montreal. It is impossible for a boat of greater length to manoeuvre the curves of that river and this one, being built especially for going there, is just over 75 feet wide, a greater width to length than usual. It has accommodation for 1,536 passengers and a crew of 417; the population of quite a large town.

Varied Callings

The occupations are almost as varied as are the callings in a town for the services they give the travelling public are many. They have a hospital with nurses and doctors; they have an orchestra and carry their musicians; they have their own printing press and have their own printers printing their daily menus, notices, etc.; they have a gymnasium attendant, a lady hair dresser, they have wireless men, electricians, carpenters, the butcher to cut the meat, stewards and stewardesses, scullions, cooks and chefs, for they do all their own baking, pastry making etc., and all the ship's officials and crew.

This boat after leaving Halifax will go on to New York and then go on a tour of the Mediterranean. Returning to New York and taking another similar trip, it will come back to New York and then home to Liverpool in April, so that all this staff are away from their own home and family for over three months. In a cruising trip of this kind there is in addition a laundry, for the passengers would not be stopping long enough at any of the different Mediterranean ports of call to get their laundry done.

No Small Task

The catering for a full passenger list of this boat is no small task. To be able to tell you correctly I asked the head steward what amount they ordered, say, when leaving Liverpool for a return trip to New York if they had a full passenger list and crew. The amount of his grocery order is rather staggering compared with our town orders. Something like 10,000 lbs. of sugar, 800 lbs of tea, 800 lbs. of coffee, some 20,000 oranges, 40,000 lbs. of meat, 20,000 lbs. of fish and even of salt he had about half a ton. These are a few items I picked at random, but the fare is most varied and liberal.

In our tourist meals at dinner we go through the various courses from hors-d'oeuvre, the soup, the fish, the joint, the salad, the pudding, the ice cream, the fruit, to the coffee. I need hardly tell you it would be a brave person to

attempt it all, although there is one fellow passenger who is a constant source of interest to me in his capacity. I have a sample of a third class dinner menu printed on a card with a picturesque old sailing vessel in full sail. While the third class passengers' meal is not quite so elaborate, it is much more varied than would be found at any prairie farm home.

Hero Pioneers

The old sailing vessel, as I said, looks most picturesque, but when we realize the difference in comfort and safety of the trip of today compared with the early Canadian settlers from Europe, we feel they were indeed heroines and heroes to brave the journey. In the old sailing vessel, with favorable winds, the trip might be about three weeks, but with continued adverse winds and calm it might easily be prolonged to as many months. The food was most limited in variety and at the end of the journey completely monotonous. The sleeping accommodation was crowded, to put it mildly. There was no wireless to keep vessels at sea in touch with each other so as to help each other in distress. In the tourist cabins here there are basins with cold water and in the cabin accommodation there is both hot and cold running water, and as this is a time when the traffic is light, we tourist passengers are given the cabin staterooms, although of course not the run of the cabin lounges and dining rooms. And of course in the huge bath tubs there is the luxury of the daily bath.

The cabin parts of the boat are most luxuriously furnished. The dining room is in French 18th Century architecture with a color scheme of blush rose relieved with pale lilac and old ivory. The lounge is the most elaborate room, being termed Italian Renaissance in style, with parquet floor in oak and walnut; the curtains, in blue and gold silk damasks; the pictures, scenes in Italy; two large circular mirrors in modelled frames of Old Italian work; the beautiful fireplace with a frieze of children and maidens dancing, singing and playing instruments, after one of the 15th century now in a museum in Florence. The cabin card room is French, with a beautiful over mantle in plaster; the smoking room is a Jacobean oak pannelled room. The children's play room has huge panels telling the story of Robinson Crusoe, and there is a gymnasium with all the up-to-date equipment with its riding, its rowing, its boxing, etc.; while the cabin suite rooms are fitted with all the luxury and comfort possible.

Easy to Lose Sense of Values

I always say it is much easier when travelling to see why people lose the sense of real values. When one sees what money can buy it is more easy to put first the more immediate goal of satisfying one's self rather than the more remote one of trying to make it possible for all to enjoy the same comfort and beauty.

Our lounges are of course not fitted with the same elaborate scheme, but pretty with wicker furniture, fresh cretonnes, ferns, a piano, a library, etc.

The children's playroom, among other things, has a house big enough for three or four children to go in at once and is furnished with a small table and chairs and has a little fireplace, etc., which I assure you very much delights the small people. The dining room has very pretty black and white prints of English views, so that we too have much of beauty around us.

Fogs and icebergs are, I suppose, the greatest menace on the sea, but sea traffic in the passenger ships of today is comparatively safe, so that now a trip across the ocean, instead of being a matter of discomfort and danger, is often a very great pleasure. However, before a sea trip can be perfect, science must find a way to prevent the bane of the traveller—cabin, tourist or third—sea sickness.

Yours sincerely,
"U.F.W.A."

Activities of the U.F.W.A.

OFFICERS OF LAKE DE MAE

Officers of Lake de Mae U.F.W.A. Local for 1928 are Mrs. Christopherson, Mrs. McWhirter, and Mrs. Scott.

COALDALE U.F.W.A. OFFICERS

Coaldale U.F.W.A. have elected as officers Mrs. N. D. Wells, Mrs. T. P. Bowlby and Mrs. Tom Correy.

NOTRE DAME LOCAL

Mrs. G. W. Speer and Mrs. C. Speer are president and secretary respectively of Notre Dame U.F.W.A. this year.

WILLOWDALE U.F.W.A.

Willowdale U.F.W.A. Local elected as president for 1928 Mrs. A. Morby. Mrs. A. Farnes is vice-president, and Mrs. Wm. G. Knight the secretary-treasurer.

PLAN MASQUERADE DANCE

Poplar Grove U.F.W.A. plans to hold a masquerade dance on St. Valentine's day. At their annual meeting Mrs. J. B. Gaetz was elected president and Mrs. Wm. Brown secretary.

ELEVEN INTERESTING MEETINGS

"We held eleven interesting meetings last year, and feel we have accomplished some good," writes Mrs. W. Hughes, secretary of Maple U.F.W.A. "We sent \$10 to the Woods Home, and flowers and gifts to the sick in our community. We had the second year millinery demonstration in the spring, when we made 17 hats. Our money we raised with a bazaar, a luncheon, and our monthly tea dues.

"We would like to thank those who so carefully and efficiently prepared the monthly bulletins, which have been a great help."

CORNWALL VALLEY LOCAL

The financial condition of Cornwall Valley U.F.W.A. Local is very satisfactory, writes the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Townsend, although the whole district was totally hauled out last year. Each member was given fifty cents to

invest for the Local, early in the year, and at the annual meeting the roll call was answered by reporting on these investments. Some of the members had devised very ingenious plans; one of them made over \$7. The total receipts from this plan were over \$36.

"During the year," continues Mrs. Townsend, "We had some very interesting programs, although the weather man has been persistently unkind. We voted \$10 to the Elnora School Fair. Our new officers are Mrs. T. Willis, president, and Mrs. W. Woods, secretary."

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Seasonable Recipes

By AUNT CORDELIA

Cheap Fruit Cake. Here is a good eggless recipe: 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup butter or lard, ½ cup sour milk, ½ cup tart fruit juice (sour milk may be substituted if there is no fruit juice on hand) 1 teaspoon each cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and soda; 2 cups flour and 1 cup raisins. Baked in a tube cake pan (such as is used for angel food) with a lid on,



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this cake turns out beautifully. For special occasions nuts and peel may be added. (Contributed by Mrs. H.H.T., Castor.)

Brown Pudding (Steamed): 1 cup buttermilk, 2 cups bread crumbs (whole wheat, white or mixed), 1 teaspoonful soda. Dissolve soda in milk, add to bread

crumbs, and let stand until soft. Add 1 egg, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 cup chopped suet, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup flour, a little salt, pour in greased pan and steam two hours. If the bread-crumbs are from white bread, use whole wheat flour, and vice versa. One half cup butter may be substituted for the suet.

what this means to themselves and to the whole organization?

Eight Official Delegates

This year there were eight official delegates from Junior Locals present. To many, this will seem a ridiculously small number, but to those who would scoff, I would give this reminder—that in many of our Junior Locals money is "conspicuous by its absence," in others the Juniors are too young to be sent so far away from home, and there are many other reasons why it could hardly be expected that there would be a larger representation present the first year. It is not our desire to have this interfere in any way with the numbers attending Junior Conference, but we do feel that many of our older boys and girls should be given an opportunity, should they wish it, of exercising the rights of citizenship within their own organization. Next year, we feel, there will be an increase in the number of Juniors, and gradually we will make ourselves more and more felt in the counsels of the organization.

I would just like to mention a little incident, which I think will prove of interest to the Juniors. During the session in which the Junior reports were read the young people present sat in the front seat of the choir loft, a very conspicuous place. Just before the Junior Work came up, discussion of the Report of the Credit and Banking Committee took place and a delegate, after the discussion had lasted some time, moved that the report be tabled until the Junior work had been dealt with, because he felt that the young people were finding this discussion rather dry. To my own great delight, the Chairman suggested that perhaps the gentleman was considerably underestimating the intelligence of the Junior U.F.A.

In an early issue I hope to have an article from one of the delegates to the Convention, telling you all about it from the standpoint of a Junior Delegate.

Fraternally yours,

EDNA M. HULL, Secretary.

DALEMead ELECT OFFICERS

The Dalemead Juniors held their Annual meeting last month, when the following officers were elected: Ralph Coonfer, president; Bob Chalmers, vice-president; Margaret Thompson, Secretary and Albert Thompson, Treasurer.

WILLOWDALE HAS 21 MEMBERS

"The newly formed Willowdale Junior Local is making excellent progress," writes their secretary, Jonathan Toule, "and had a sign-up of twenty paid-up members. Meetings are held every two weeks, are well attended and enjoyed by all. We also intend to put on a concert in the near future."

DELBURNE ANNUAL MEETING

The Delburne Juniors held their Annual Meeting on January 5th. Jack Duncan was re-elected president, Mary and Carl Blair will act as vice-presidents, and Mary Clifford, Secretary. Alec Kuffler, Jack Jamieson and Alma Baker are directors for the new year. After making arrangements for the Novelty Dance which was to be held on January 13th, games and gymnastics were indulged in, and a light lunch was served.

BISMARCK OFFICERS FOR 1928

The officers elected for the Bismarck Juniors for 1928 are: Ernest McDowell,

Report of Senior Committee on Junior Work

The report of the Senior Committee of Junior Work, as presented at the Annual Convention by Vice-President Scholefield, Conventer, is given below.

It is gratifying to your committee to be able to report that good progress has been made during the year 1927 in the Junior Branch of the Organization. The membership has increased from 595 in 1926 to 904 in 1927—the Juniors being the only branch that does not show a decrease. It would appear from this that the Senior Branches have manifested a much greater interest in the Junior work, and a greater desire to help the Juniors, than for some years past. Great credit is due also to the Juniors themselves, and to their secretary Miss Hull, who has taken a very live interest in the Junior Branch, and has endeavored at all times to stimulate the Juniors themselves to renewed effort.

Two things have been done during the year 1927 which your committee thinks will be of lasting benefit to the Juniors.

"The U.F.A." Junior Department

First, there is now a Junior Department in *The U.F.A.* paper. This Department, devoted to the work of the Junior members, will serve to keep them well informed and at the same time this page will ever be a reminder to the Senior Branches of the organization, of the duty they owe to the whole organization, and to all the sons and daughters of the farmers of this Province; for the Juniors of today are the Seniors of tomorrow, and the youth of today is the well from which the organization as a whole must draw the water of life. From this source only

can we obtain the means of creating an organization which shall be a perfect whole. Well would it be if the Seniors all over the Province realized this and bent their energies to perfecting the Junior Branch. This work should be one of the great objectives of the Seniors at this time, and if it were taken up in earnest, we should not hear the cry that the Senior Locals have very little to do now.

Secondly, the full Board of the U.F.A. recommended that each Junior Local should have the right to send one delegate to the Annual Convention, with a delegate's full rights. This, we think, must inevitably be a wonderful stimulus to the Juniors themselves.

The address of the Junior President, Mr. C. Mills, and the comprehensive report of the Junior Branch Secretary, Miss Hull, make it unnecessary for your Committee to cover matter already dealt with by them.

In conclusion, your Committee earnestly solicit the increased interest of the Seniors, and a fuller realization of what the building up of the Junior Branch means to the organization as a whole. Tasks at a distance often seem huge and impossible of accomplishment, but when we get to close quarters and begin to grapple with them, we find them so much easier than we ever thought they could be, that we are astonished we never began to work at them before. So we end by quoting the poet Goethe:

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute,

"What you can do, or dream you can, begin it.

"Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

"Only engage, and then the mind grows heated;

"Begin, and then the work will be completed."

U. F. A. Junior Activities

Watchword: SERVICE

Motto: EQUITY

Juniors at the U.F.A. Annual Convention

Dear Juniors:

The 20th Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is over—for 20 years our parents have been meeting together annually to discuss questions of vital interest to the well-being of the farmers of the Province.

For fourteen years the United Farm Women of Alberta have also been meeting in Convention to talk over questions of special interest to the farm women of the Province.

The United Farmers of Alberta were inaugurated as an organization in 1909.

The United Farm Women of Alberta, as an organization, came into being in 1915. The Juniors were officially formed into an organization in 1919—and their first Convention was 1928.

Of course, we have had for a number of years, ever since the inception of the organization in fact, University Week, and since 1920 a business session has been held by the young people at this Conference. But this year was the first in which the Juniors have had any say at the Senior Convention. They have heretofore been carefully guarded from any responsibility in the organization. What is the opinion of the Juniors in regard to sending delegates to the Senior Convention? Do they recognize just

president; and Lily Archibald, secretary. This Local is planning a membership drive for March. Ernest McDowell was chosen as delegate to the Senior Convention. On February the Juniors and Seniors are holding their Annual Rally, when a dance and supper will be enjoyed. The object of this Rally is to secure funds for the Junior Conference. The Locals go on a fifty-fifty basis, which is found most successful—from thirty to forty dollars usually being realized.

BAPTISTE LAKE JUNIORS

At the second meeting of the Baptiste Lake Juniors, which was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Evans, twenty members were present. Miss Nadine McGee was elected president to take the place of Miss Jamieson, who has left the district. At this meeting arrangements were made to hold a dance in order to raise funds. The dance will be held January 27th. At the next meeting, which is to be held February 4th, a spelling match is to be held.

WASKATENAU JUNIORS ACTIVE

The Waskatenau Juniors have had a very active time during the past month, according to a letter from the publicity agent. Their December meeting was held at the home of the supervisor, Mrs. A. H. Warr, when officers were elected for the new year. Francis Fry was re-elected president, Clarence Lewis is the new vice-president, and Esther West the secretary. After the meeting the young people enjoyed a dance. The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lunn, when a delegate to the Convention was chosen. On December 30th the Juniors put on a play, "Her Step-Husband," which proved very successful.

MANAGE SKATING RINK

The Annual meeting of the Gibbons Juniors was held January 10th. The Executive and Board of this Local consists of ten persons: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, two supervisors and five directors.

The young people are taking advantage of the travelling library sent out by the University. The books are being kept in town so that they may be easily secured by members of the Local. The Local has also arranged to manage the skating rink this season. The rink was opened January 17th and about forty skaters enjoyed the first skate of the year on it. Preparations are being made for a play which the Juniors hope to present on the 17th of February.

RAPPING PAPA

Girl's Father (to suitor): "My daughter doesn't want to be tied to an idiot all her life."

Suave Suitor: "Just so, sir. Why not let me take her off your hands?"—*Answers.*

HIS TRAINING DEFECTIVE

Grandma: "Doesn't that little boy swear terribly?"

Little Grandson: "Yes, he sure do. He don't put no expression in it at all."—*Exchange.*

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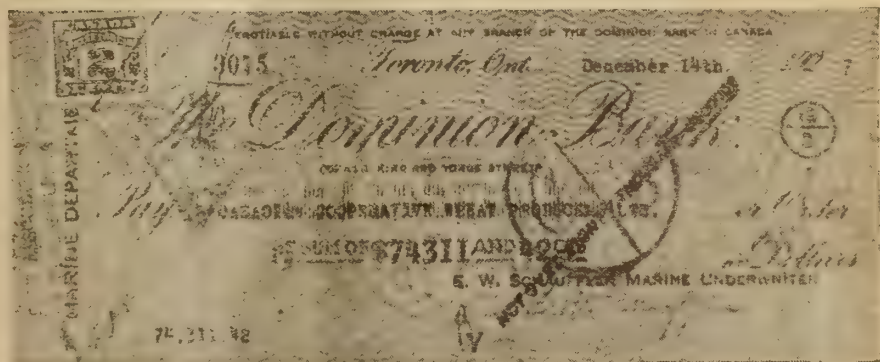
Parent—So you desire to become my son-in-law?

Suitor—No, sir, I do not, but if I marry your daughter, I don't see how I can get out of it.—*Fort William Times-Journal.*

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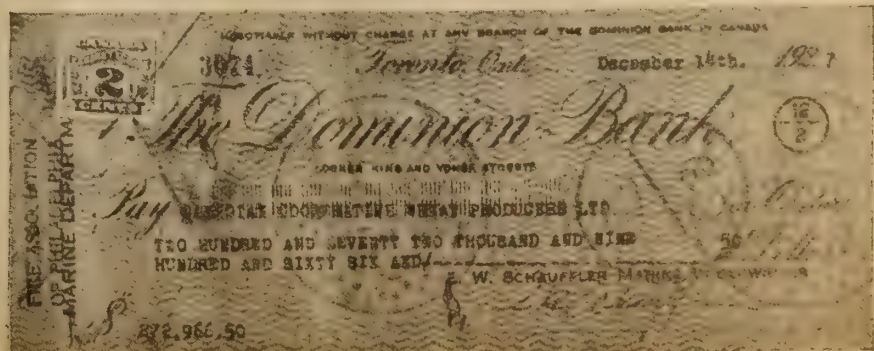
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NEWS FROM ALBERTA DAIRY POOL HEAD OFFICE

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers, Ltd.

Alberta Dairy Pool Elects Delegates

The following delegates were recently elected to attend the annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers, Limited, which will be held in the MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, February 15th, commencing at 9 a.m.

In view of the important business that will come before the convention it is hoped that as many members of the Pool as possible will attend the annual meeting as visitors.

Every delegate and visitor attending the annual meeting is requested to purchase a one way ticket to Edmonton and to secure from the local agent a standard certificate which must be presented to the Secretary in order to secure a reduced return fare.

DISTRICT ONE

Geo. Church, R.R.2, Calgary.
Keys Cullen, R.R.2, Calgary.
J. D. McLaurin, R.R.2, Calgary.
John McInnis, Midnapore.
J. C. Buckley, Gleichen.
Donald Sinclair, Vulcan.
Wm. Shields, Macleod.
Alex. Moore, Cochrane.
Harvey Hanson, Namaka.
J. J. Windle, Okotoks.

DISTRICT TWO

L. E. Hays, Box 2012, Calgary.
W. A. Hunter, Beddington.
N. S. Clarke, Didsbury.
H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Crossfield.
C. W. Gibbs, Didsbury.
J. Beynon, Cochrane.
C. W. Robinson, Munson.
J. J. Sutherland, Hanna.
Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook.
John Fairweather, R.R.4, Calgary.

DISTRICT THREE

H. E. Shenfield, Innisfail.
L. McComb, Huxley.
Donald Cameron, Elnora.
H. Kingsep, Eckville.
J. Newsham, Innisfail.
N. S. Smith, Olds.
R. H. McDonald, Trochu.
J. E. Lundberg, Eckville.
John Beattie, Bowden.
Sam McKee, Benalto.

DISTRICT FOUR

E. Lundstrom, Hoadley.
T. H. Howes, Millet.
Enock Stromberg, New Norway.
J. J. King, Camrose.
E. R. Rasmusen, Wetaskiwin.
J. L. G. Rattray, R.R.1, Falun.
E. E. Sparks, Brightview.
J. R. Rickard, Millet.
Tom Noble, Daysland.
Roy Vold, Ponoka.

DISTRICT FIVE

Wm. A. Isaac, Consort.
Richard Price, Stettler.
Thos. Clouston, Lougheed.
Geo. Andrews, Sedgewick.
P. H. Perry, Chauvin.
Andrew Holmberg, Viking.
Henry Baker, Sedgewick.
Carl Burnstad, Big Valley.
A. L. Sanders, Foreman.
Nils Flaade, Rosyth.

DISTRICT SIX

D. J. Christie, Strathcona.
Angus McDougall, Calmar.
A. E. Faulkner, R.R.1, Leduc.

James Allan, Clover Bar.
Donald McLeod, Lake Isle.
W. C. Way, Sangudo.
A. R. Brown, Westlock.
Thos. Cailes, Onoway.
Andrew Rafn, Bon Accord.
R. Turnbull, Strathcona.

DISTRICT SEVEN

John Jardy, Thorhild.
D. R. Swabey, R.R.2, Tofield.
R. M. Walker, Waskatenau.
Alfred Lasier, Viking.
Harold Jackson, Minburn.
J. E. Currey, Vermilion.
A. R. C. Berry, Egremont.
Geo. Monaghan, Mannville.
John McK. Hughes, Vegreville.
Laudas Joly, St. Paul.

Resolutions Passed at Last Convention

The following are the resolutions passed at last year's convention of the Alberta Dairy Pool:

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Resolution No. 1.—Whereas we believe it is not good practice to elect all the members of the Board of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Ltd. each year, as this leaves a possibility of an entirely new personnel being put into office at one time, who will be out of touch with the general policy of the Pool;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Articles of Association be amended so as to provide that four directors be elected in 1927 for two years, and the remaining three directors for one year, and at future annual meetings the vacancies on the Board be filled by electing members for two year terms. And further, for the purpose of complying with the said amendment, districts 1, 3, 5 and 7, elect directors for two years and delegates from districts 2, 4 and 6 elect directors for one year.

Resolution No. 2.—Whereas our membership has grown to such a point where the cost of printing lists of all names of members in each district is almost prohibitive; and whereas these lists are not absolutely necessary for the purpose of selecting a delegate;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Articles of Association be amended by striking out the words "a list of all names of

members in a district and" where they appear in Article 3.

The above resolution saves the cost of printing thousands of lists of membership each year. Each district or local, however, may obtain lists of members by writing to the Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO DAIRYMEN'S ACT

Resolution No. 3.—Resolved that the words "or subsidiary (company)" be inserted after the word "person" in the second and fourth lines of section 47 (1) of the Dairymen's Act.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 4.—Whereas there has been a great demand for increased Pool facilities by the members of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Ltd., and whereas the inefficient creameries can only be eliminated when the producers realize the cost of operating same;

Therefore be it resolved, that the handling and manufacturing costs at each local Pool creamery be deducted from the profits of the butter sales earned by the said creamery and the balance of profits distributed to members patronizing the said Pool creamery.

Resolution No. 5.—Resolved, that the present system of grading in the Province of Alberta be continued, and that the graders be requested to do the testing wherever possible without increasing the cost of this service to the producers.

Resolution No. 6.—Resolved, that cream price differentials, city and country, remain as at present, and that Railway express charges be deducted in the case of the city creameries and paid by the country creameries.

Resolution No. 7.—Owing to the confusion arising from the present method of holding our annual meeting, we recommend to the Board of Directors that our future Pool meetings be held as a separate and distinct event, and so arranged as to enable Pool delegates to participate in the annual convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association.

Resolution No. 8.—Owing to a very vital Pool principle being involved, that of the orderly marketing of our product, we recommend that our Board shall explore every means possible to take control of the marketing of our dairy produce.

We further recommend that the assistance of the Provincial Government be invoked in furthering this principle.

Resolution No. 9.—Whereas inducements are made by certain persons to encourage members to break their contracts with the co-operative marketing organizations;

And whereas in certain countries, legislation is enacted providing heavy penalties for persons handling products under contract to co-operative marketing organizations;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Government of Alberta be asked to enact legislation, or amendments to existing legislation, providing for the imposition of penalties or fines on persons who knowingly continue to handle products under contract to co-operative marketing organizations.

Resolution No. 10.—Resolved, that the Board take up the matter with Railway

Companies of better refrigeration service during the summer months.

Resolution No. 11.—Whereas it was the intention of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers to divide the year into two distribution periods; and whereas the first period would come at the time when the creamery staffs are unusually busy and the cost therefore of making any distribution of profits would be very great;

Therefore be it resolved, that the distribution periods be on a yearly basis, to terminate on the 31st day of December each year.

Resolution No. 12.—Whereas the success of a Pool Creamery depends to a large extent upon the degree to which the production is organized at that point; and whereas the Alberta Dairy Pool is at a considerable cost for each unit that operates as a Pool unit;

Therefore be it resolved, that unless the Pool volume of any Pool Creamery has reached 60 per cent by the end of 1927, that that creamery shall discontinue as a Pool unit, unless otherwise decided by the next annual convention.

Resolution No. 13.—Owing to an already accepted principle that a Dairy co-operative enterprise, in order to function successfully, must control the manufacture of their own product;

We recommend to the Board of Directors to take such steps as will enable them as rapidly as possible to acquire facilities:

1st. By making a levy of not more than 1c per lb. butterfat, to be known as a fund for acquiring such facilities, or for other purposes of the Pool.

2nd. That localities where the Pool is highly organized be encouraged to acquire their own facilities as a means of furthering the above principle.

No Fairer Taxes Than Succession Duties

(Montreal Witness)

Changes are proposed in the Quebec law as to succession duties, and a government bill is expected at the coming session. There is no fairer tax than one which takes money at the moment when it belongs to nobody and comes proportionately heaviest on those who leave most—generally speaking, for as much harm as good. The whole system of wills assumes that a man has a right to manage his money after he is dead, a right it would be very hard to maintain either in abstract theory or from social consequences. It has even been assumed that a man has a right to prescribe for all time the religion of an institution of which he is the benefactor. That claim is constantly being urged, even at this age, in which it is quite probable that if the testator had lived his own life over again he would have modified his view. Andrew Carnegie said, in pretty strong language, that it was wrong to die rich. He probably did his best, but did not altogether avoid that crime. In any case the chief moral value of the succession tax is the pressure it exerts upon men to dispose of their means during their own lifetime. Governments naturally hold an opposite view. They account it a sort of crime for a rich man not to die rich and give the government its pickings in full. The government naturally looks on the whole matter from a revenue point of view. But still more important, from a social point of view, is the duty of every man to administer his own estate, as he can carry nothing with him.

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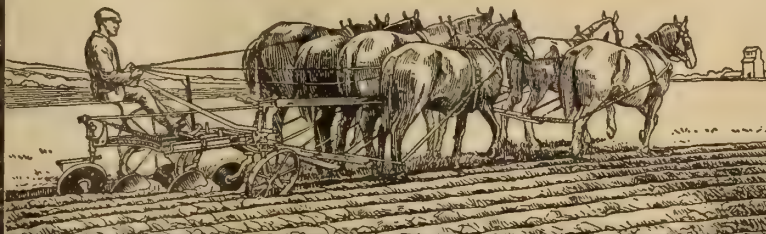
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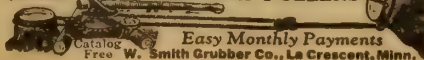
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Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.

Co-operative Shippers Give Wholehearted Support to Pool

**Very Little Stock From Co-operative
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The first month's business in our own selling agency at Calgary and Edmonton is nearing completion, and the result of our receipts have been very gratifying and as great as our most optimistic anticipation. Very little stock from co-operative shippers has come to other firms on the yards. We are getting their wholehearted and loyal support and we are trying to do everything in our power to justify that loyalty. The sales that have been made, especially in cattle, have been gratifying and co-operative cattle on both the Calgary and the Edmonton yards are being sold as co-operative cattle in the Province of Alberta have never been sold before.

The contract associations have all been in with stock, some making very heavy shipments, and they have received some very attractive prices for good cattle, though there has not been enough real good cattle to really tell what could be done in the way of prices if we had the volume of that class to attract the buyers.

Good Support from Stores

The support from co-operative stores that ship livestock has been good as they have all shown their sympathy by giving their support to a really co-operative enterprise. The feeders adjacent to Calgary and Edmonton who drive in their livestock have to a great measure sold their stock through the new Agency, and so far the business relationships between producers and the selling agency have been very good.

The Edmonton Stock Yard Company have been trying for the last several months to force the sale of hogs on that market on the fed and watered basis instead of the off car basis, as they have been sold in the past in both Calgary and Edmonton. All the market on the American continent excepting Calgary and Edmonton are on a fed and watered basis for hogs. There is much to be said from the standpoint of the producers in favor of both methods of selling livestock. The local packer naturally wants his hog empty and ready for killing when he buys it, and is willing to pay more money for a hog that is ready to go on the killing floor than he is for one that must be starved and shrunk out for twenty-four hours before it can be killed.

Vary According to Haul

On the other hand hogs reaching the market vary according to the distance of the haul and to the care which they have received from their shipping agent with regard to shrink. Short hauled hogs well cared for practically hold their home weights, while the long hauled hogs or hogs that are not well cared for or suffer a severe railroad trip shrink as high as 10 to 12 per cent, so that the packer today in buying his hogs does not know

THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS RECEIPTS FOR WEEK JAN. 15-21, 1928

with

COMPARISON TO YARD RECEIPTS

	CALGARY	EDMONTON
Number of Firms on Yards.....	8	4
A.C.L.P. Receipts(*).....	36 cars	32 cars
Yard Receipts.....	103 cars	65 cars
A.C.L.P. Percentage.....	34.9	50.0
Nearest Competitor's Percentage.....	18.4	25.0

(*) Including Direct Shipments.

until after they are killed what the dressing percentage of those hogs will be; consequently, the long hauled hogs or the well shrunk out hogs do not get the benefit in price to which they are entitled over the short hauled hogs which have not shrunk out.

By feeding and watering them on the market and selling them on that basis all hogs would be on the same level and packers would bid equally.

It is problematical what spread the packers would make between off car and fed and watered hogs. This is a problem which the hog producers of this Province should give very serious consideration to. Your selling agency at present is trying to maintain the present system and will try to maintain it until such time as they can acquire fuller information which would justify them in changing their attitude.

Edmonton Stock Yards Company have refused to give further service at the scales on co-operative shipments which is necessitating your selling agency supplying a man at the scales to take down the weights, marks and pro-rate the shrink on co-operative shipments.

cattle were sold through the co-operative and returned to the producer net \$2680, or \$730 over and above the drovers' price

FIRE AT EDMONTON LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Fire which destroyed the Livestock Exchange Building at Edmonton on January 25th caused temporary inconvenience in the carrying on of the business of A.C.L.P. There was no interruption in the selling organization, but the settlement end of the business was interfered with for about 24 hours.

All essential records of the A.C.L.P. were saved from the fire.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT OF U.F.W.A.

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utmost reciprocal endeavor on the part of each constituent group. For the perfecting of this alignment will mean in creative spirit, in breadth of vision, in understanding and strength of purpose, infinitely more than the mere sum total of its parts.

Education and Citizenship

From my work this year I am of the opinion that insofar as the U.F.A. Board is concerned the subject of education has received most interested attention, but from the standpoint of the Locals it remains largely in the domain of the U.F.W.A. There, it would appear that the thought of years of organized discussion has crystallized somewhat along the following lines of enquiry: First as to whether the child is led to think, to devise, to discover, to investigate, and to adventure along new and ever more engrossing fields of thought and activity, or whether our present system still tends to glorify the "facts only" argument satirized by Dickens, that children were "little jugs into which were to be poured imperial gallons of facts," whether the imaginative and speculative qualities of the curious, inquiring child are developed and encouraged, producing the scientific adult, or these tendencies and aptitudes are stultified and distorted and destroyed.

This is not the time to develop the train of investigation from the standpoint of the individual. But the main contention as to the training given and capacity engendered for citizenship in a self-gov-

A New Contract Signer's Experience

A farmer in Southern Alberta with thirty head of cattle to sell asked the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association to handle his cattle for him. The Co-operative refused to do this unless he signed the contract and placed himself in the same position as all other members of the association. After considerable hesitation he signed the contract and prepared to ship to the co-operative.

The co-operative shipper, on loading this man's cattle, found a very discouraged member, as he had been offered by two drovers, \$1,950 for the bunch. The shipper looked the cattle over and advised him that he did not think there was any question but that the cattle would bring that on the open market but the new member was satisfied that he had lost money and would not get a return equal to \$1,950. As soon as the cattle were loaded the drovers approached the co-operative shipper and offered him \$2400 for the load but was told that these cattle were going to the open market. These

erning democracy must be included in any survey however curtailed.

It is recognized that a current of freedom is flowing over the world to a more marked degree than ever before. And it is generally conceded that freedom, insofar as the state is concerned, rests essentially on a self-governing citizenship. To what extent, then, do our schools contribute to the development on the part of the pupil of a sense of responsibility, of initiative, of creative endeavor, of self-reliant independent thought and decision; or how far do they rest on "teacher responsibility, teacher control, teacher discipline?"

A resume of the part education plays in the development of democratic citizenship in Bryce's "Modern Democracies" concludes with this statement: "The seed of education will ultimately yield a harvest in the field of politics, though the grain may be slow in ripening." That education must play such a part is unquestioned. But on the character and spirit and mentality engendered on the school ground and within the four walls of the school room will not only depend the kind and quality of the citizenship, but also the time required to bring the harvest to fine fruition.

Someone has defined a rural school as "a little school, where little children, for a little while, are taught little things by a little teacher." In order that these "little schools" may measure up to the possibilities they present, the problems of education must be tackled with zeal and fervor: "The adult to stimulate and suggest, the child to investigate and adventure, the community to provide tools and opportunity." By means of this three-way development, adult, child, and community, farm women are endeavoring to bring to bear on the problems of education as clear a light as possible, so that the boys and girls of today may grow into men and women better fitted to face life's problems than we are, able to direct with truer insight the trend of education in the future.

Physical and Mental Health

Another subject that goes hand in hand with education in the building of a better social order is that of physical and mental health. And they are placed in this order advisedly, for we now know that mental health is so often a corollary of physical health. I shall not deal with a broad general analysis which has been presented before but more particularly would emphasize the importance of child health. The very excellent provision for health service by the Provincial Government through their clinics has been eagerly accepted and enthusiastically endorsed. It is impossible to estimate the value of the work done in detecting physical defects and making treatment accessible.

The question of mental defect has continued to present a grave problem. However, it appears that the situation is more hopeful than heretofore. For with greater interest and greater intelligence being brought to bear on the subject, the possibilities and responsibilities attaching to the community and Province are coming more clearly into position. And it is being recognized that with proper training and environment the average and high grade morons may become self-supporting economic units, presenting no serious problems as to social or economic adjustment. This may not be so easy of achievement as a few phrases might indicate, and I wish to stress the qualifying conditions as to training and environment.

As to training, Professor MacPhee, an eminent psychologist for years attached to our own University and now Director

of Psychology of the University of Toronto, offers the following measures as immediate objectives:

1. A complete and careful Provincial survey.
2. The establishment of special classes for defective children wherever at least fifteen such children are found.
3. Training of teachers in Normal Schools to take care of isolated rural cases.

In regard to community responsibility, Dr. McAllister, of our Provincial training school, has this to say: "In all this I do not lose sight of the fact that institutional care will be necessary for a certain number but for the majority the problem is, and will continue to be, a community one, and the community will be judged by the way it grapples with such questions as mental, moral, physical and environmental defects, affecting the child life."

Economic Freedom Through Co-operation

But education and health, possibly the strongest pillars on which to build enlightened citizenship, depend for their efficiency and promotion on economic freedom. It is not surprising, therefore, that farm women are turning to the organized effectiveness of their own group, and not only lend spiritual and moral support to the larger enterprise of the Wheat Pool, but continue to explore the available sources of economic independence open to them as side-lines, on a co-operative marketing basis, in the industry of agriculture. That this development will eventually attain a position of solidarity, of assurance, and economic status commensurate with its potentialities, there can be no question. But the Wheat Pool could no more precede the production of wheat as a marketable commodity, than the Egg and Poultry Pool can precede the industry itself in the Province. And while the co-operative marketing machinery will continue to adjust and perfect itself with continued operation, the coming years will see intensive study and energy directed particularly to the channels of high-grade poultry and winter egg production.

Our women in their local activities will continue to stress this phase of organized development. For they realize that in its scope it includes not only the outward manifestation, of increased money for expenditures, but the resultant intangible returns which are the essence of life itself.

And these are the things in the last analysis that farm men and women seek through organization; the things so long elusive, fleeing phantom-like from the pursuing grasp of eager hands; the hope deferred which beckoned from the next good year. Surely nowhere can be found men and women surpassing in quiet persistence, in rugged endurance, in proud reticence, the men and women of our farms who have steadfastly faced the yearly blows of economic adversity, and held on when there was nothing left—"Except the will which said to them, 'Hold On!'"

And now that the scene has changed and granaries are full to overflowing; when self-help has waited on necessity and a mighty co-operative enterprise carries our product to far-away markets of the world; when for the first time hope has joined hands with confidence, farm people look forward with a degree of optimism and assurance that augurs well for the future.

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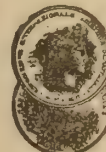
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ious advances of a surfeit of success. But until the time arrives when the great bulk of farm mortgages are paid off; when accumulated interest and principal on land indebtedness are cleared away, when modern homes and commodious barns are the rule and not the rare exception; when farm men and women and boys and girls no longer are "slaves of the wheel of labor," not till then need we fear the spiritual decadence which follows where wealth accumulates and men decay. But rather

should we continue the struggle which we have so gallantly begun, whose first spoils of victory are now being brought to our doors, happy in this, that as we serve ourselves we needs must also serve our fellow men. For the war we wage is against poverty, the monotony of which is "a thousand times more deadly than the monotony of factory routine." The battle we fight is for freedom, for ourselves and for our children, that there may be leisure to enjoy—

"The long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the
rose."

We take our place in the long procession of humankind, who not only have dreamed of, but hastened the day when:

"... man to man the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET GUNN.

U.F.A. Central Board of 1927 Reports to Annual Convention

Activities of Past Year Outlined by Board—Wheat Pool Drive Interfered with Customary Organization Work—Spirit Behind Association as Strong as Ever

During the year your Board held three meetings and the Executive eight. The Executive was also represented at two meetings of the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Membership

The membership in the Association as at December 31st, 1927, was as follows:

U.F.A.....	8439
U.F.W.A.....	1990
Juniors.....	904
Life Members.....	232
Members at Large.....	24

Making a total of 11,589 as compared with 14,905 in 1926 and 12,494 in 1925. There has been a decrease of 3,508 in the U.F.A. and of 130 in the U.F.W.A. There has been an increase in the Juniors of 130, in the Life Members of 4, and of 9 in the Members at Large. Your Board realizes that the drop in membership is one that should be given serious consideration and that no effort should be spared to keep the membership up to as high a figure as possible. It must be taken into consideration, however, that organization work was made very difficult during 1927, owing to weather conditions. The Wheat Pool drive also interfered with the customary organization work as the Association was engaged in obtaining signatures to the Second Series Contract. There is not the least doubt about the strength of the spirit behind the Association as that is as strong as it ever was. The successful results obtained in 1926 in the political field and in 1927 in the co-operative field must be so apparent that there is no doubt of the real strength of the U.F.A., but we would point out that it is imperative that the membership be kept up to full strength. Belief in an organization without membership is not sufficient and we must have active members. The strength of the Association, in the eyes of the world, is judged on the actual paid up membership.

S.S. Albertic

During the last year our Association was honoured by having the Vice-President chosen as one of the three representatives of Alberta who went down to Montreal to welcome the Albertic when she docked there after making her maiden voyage. The Albertic, which was named after our Province, is the largest liner that has docked at Montreal. The delegation went down as the guests of the Canadian National Railways. During his stay in Montreal Mr. Scholefield addressed several gatherings and he states that the keenest interest was taken in

matters pertaining to Alberta, and especially to the U.F.A.

The Juniors

It has been felt for a considerable time that more should be done in connection with this most important branch of our Organization. In the Juniors we have the future rank and file of our Association and no effort should be spared in developing them along the soundest lines. Your Board has been giving very considerable thought to this matter and has come to the conclusion that one important change should be made, and that is to allow each Junior Local to send one delegate to the Annual Convention with full powers. This will necessitate a change in the Constitution and a resolution covering same will be presented to you for your consideration. Your Board considers that the result of having the Juniors at our Convention will be of great value to them and to their Locals. Your Board also believes that the seniors should take a greater interest in the Juniors and should make every endeavor to get more Locals started. Your Directors are ready to do all they can, but it rests with each one of us to do our best in our own localities. It is often very hard to get an elder to realize the benefits that can be derived from our Organization, but in the Juniors we have a fertile field all ready for the seed.

Directors' Reports

The reports of the Directors covering their activities during the year show that organization work has not been prosecuted quite so well as in former years. Many causes have contributed to this, such as climatic conditions, the lateness of threshing with the inability to finish the threshing in many districts, and the time devoted to the Wheat Pool drive. A fine U.F.A. spirit, however, prevails in most districts. Your Directors would emphasize the great importance of a general concerted effort during the coming year to increase the membership and look forward with confidence to this being done.

Conference at Edmonton

A conference between the Provincial Government and the U.F.A. Federal Members took place in Edmonton in the early part of last December and the Executives of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. attended on the invitation of Premier Brownlee. This conference was held for the purpose of giving information on the stand of the Provincial Government on various matters pertaining to the welfare of Alberta. The subjects dealt with in-

cluded the following: Procedure in amending the B.N.A. Act—Industrial Disputes—Regulation of the Sale of Shares and Securities of Dominion Companies—Federal Subsidies—Federal Aid for Highway Construction—Reduction of Customs and Excise Duties—Immigration—Fuel Problems—Old Age Pensions—Water Power Development (Spray Lakes)—Natural Resources—Tariff Advisory Committee—Provincial Railways, a mass of valuable information being given by Premier Brownlee and members of the Provincial Cabinet.

"The U.F.A."

The U.F.A., which is now commencing its seventh year of publication, has continued during 1927 to give valuable assistance not only to the Organization, but also to the various Pools which grew out of the Organization, and today The U.F.A. is being sent to all members of the Wheat Pool and shortly will be sent to all members of the Livestock Pool. Within a short period of time it is hoped that arrangements will be made to include all members of the Dairy Pool and Egg and Poultry Pool. A comprehensive report will be submitted to you during this convention of the activities in general of our paper. The U.F.A. has fully maintained its high standard of former years, and it will always be the aim of the management to continue to do so.

Calgary Conference

The Conference was held last year in Calgary and was attended by the Central Board, representatives of the Federal Constituency Associations, U.F.A. Federal Members and representatives of the Provincial Government. Some U.F.A. members were also present and were allowed to take part in the proceedings but not to vote. The Conference discussed a number of questions dealing with political matters and passed resolutions on the following subjects: Peace River Outlet, Athabasca Election Scandal and Dominion Seed Growers' Association. Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. Group in the House of Commons, gave a report of their work during the last session of Parliament and outlined a number of Acts that were of especial interest to the farmers of Western Canada.

Broadcasting

Your Board during the year have given a great deal of thought to the use of the radio as a medium of establishing a personal contact between your Executive officers and the farmers in the Province and with that in mind arranged the broad-

casting that has so far been done. We feel that the possibilities in radio broadcasting warrant further study and an extensive try-out of U.F.A. programmes during 1928.

Co-Operative Institute

During the last five years great strides have been made in the developing of the co-operative system of marketing. We have organized and put into operation four large Pools which are handling the chief products of our farms. There are also smaller co-operative associations doing splendid work in marketing the farm produce not handled by the Pools. We have also a good many co-operative stores in the Province that are making a success. It has been felt, however, that there is a great need for educational work to be done and your Board considers that this can best be done by the formation of a Co-operative Institute. It has been suggested that, should such an Institute be formed, one or more conventions could be held each year at some such central place as the School of Agriculture at Olds, where they have accommodation for a large gathering. If these meetings were held during the summer months it would be possible to get a large gathering together at no very great cost to the individuals as most of them would be able to come in cars. If we are to make a real success of co-operative marketing it is essential that we should be as well informed as possible as it is not possible to have co-operation without co-operators.

Wheat Pool Drive

One of the chief activities in which the Organization was engaged during the last year was in assisting in the drive for signatures to the second series contract of the Wheat Pool. The results of that drive make it very apparent that the farmers of Alberta are determined to continue the co-operative marketing of their wheat.

Joint Conference of Provincial Government, U.F.A. Boards and the Pools

A conference has been arranged between the Provincial Government, the U.F.A. Board and representatives of the several Pools to be held in Calgary on January 24th. At this meeting matters pertaining to the activities of all the branches of the Organization will be discussed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RE REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD

(All the figures given in the paragraph under the heading "Membership" at the beginning of the foregoing report have reference to the membership standing as at December 31, of the year given.)

HIS LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

Occasionally those applying for positions in the service of the National Revenue Department, or officers seeking promotion, do not appear to grasp the meaning of the questions put on the form provided by the Civil Service Commission. One candidate, coming to the question: "State length of residence in Canada," replied: "Thirty by forty feet." —*The National Revenue Review.*

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CONVENTION AFFORDS ABUNDANT EVIDENCE OF VITALITY

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board, and the resolution was finally defeated.

Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, who was called upon to speak on the resolution, said that naturally the work of the Board could not be a perfect job, but as a result of it, greater accuracy than formerly was made possible. It had been determined in making the assessment that the basis of all values must be the productive value of the land. To appeal to the Legislature would be to appeal from a Board of experts to a body that might not be expert in this specialized subject.

Mutual and State Fire Insurance

The following resolution from Acadia Provincial C. A. was adopted by the Convention after discussion:

"Whereas, figures covering a number of years prove conclusively that the fire losses on schools and publicly owned buildings in this and other Provinces amount to only a minute percentage of the amount paid in premium for fire insurance, and

"Whereas, the large manufacturing interests, the wholesale trade, and the retailers are now finding it much more economical to do their insuring through their own mutuals, and

"Whereas, the states of North Dakota, Wisconsin, and South Carolina are finding it far more economical to insure their schools and publicly owned buildings through a state fund;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this Convention urge the Government to immediately take such steps as will enable the benefits enjoyed by the wholesalers, and other business interests, to be made applicable to schools and public buildings, by either creating a Provincial Fire Insurance Fund, or by encouraging the cities and municipalities to band themselves together and form a municipal mutual."

Hon. R. G. Reid, in speaking upon the resolution, pointed out that the right to band together for the purposes of mutual fire insurance was possessed by all the people. Such societies had met with varying degrees of success. The merchants in their scheme had chosen the best hazards. The schools could follow a mutual system, and if there were any minor difficulties to be overcome he would do what he could to help. Whenever possible, it was better that undertakings should be carried out co-operatively, rather than by some external authority.

Compulsory Sign Up Plan Defeated

The Convention defeated, after a very brief discussion, a resolution from Acadia Provincial C. A., favoring "a compulsory Pool sign-up provided the sign-up exceeds 65 per cent."

The Convention carried unanimously a resolution from the Central Board, requesting machine companies to make all their notes due on November 1st instead of October 1st.

The resolutions committee submitted a redraft of a resolution from Lethbridge Federal C. A., in reference to rural mail routes. It expressed the opinion that the Government should supply a mail courier for any route of twenty miles or more, paying a minimum of twenty cents per mile, if bids could not be obtained for less within thirty days.

Answering a question from the floor, Robert Gardiner, M.P., who was in the chair, stated that the usual practice was to call for tenders, and the lowest tender

JUNIORS GIVEN REPRESENTATION

By an amendment of the U.F.A. Constitution, adopted shortly after the opening of the Convention, the Juniors are given definite recognition and representation in the body which is the supreme authority in the organization. Members are requested to note the amendment, and make the necessary change in their copies of the Constitution.

The resolution adopted provides "that section 17 of the Constitution be amended by adding a clause to be known as 4A, which shall read as follows: 'Each Junior Local shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Annual Convention of the Association. The delegate shall have all rights and privileges as provided in section 6'."

was always accepted by the post office department provided the tenderer was capable of doing the work. The resolution was lost.

Urge Peace River Outlet

By unanimous vote, and with considerable heartiness, the Convention

Becomes Secretary of U.F.A.



MISS F. BATEMAN

At a meeting of the U.F.A. Executive following the Annual Convention, Miss F. Bateman was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and "a very hearty vote of thanks for the valuable services she has always rendered to the Association" was unanimously adopted.

Miss Bateman, who came to Canada from Cork, Ireland, in 1910, to join relatives at Macleod, has been in the service of the United Farmers of Alberta since 1915. She was appointed Acting Secretary of the Association in December, 1923 and at a later date was appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

adopted the following resolution submitted by the Peace River Provincial C. A.:

"Resolved, that in view of the rapid development of the Peace River country we urge the construction of the Peace River outlet in the near future."

During the discussion Mr. Gardiner was requested to report on this matter, and described the progress made. Things tended to move slowly at Ottawa at all times, but the U.F.A. members were hopeful that the strong demand which had been made, and the merits of the case, would bring results.

Oil and Mineral Rights

A resolution asking "that the present law be amended giving to the land owners the same rights and privileges in minerals and oils as those held by the C.P.R." was carried, although a delegate intervened to remark that it was "no use passing it because to make it effective would mean changing the titles to practically all lands held by the farmers."

The Convention asked that the Dominion Government make excise stamps available for sale at Post Offices.

Revision of the present tariff on livestock shipments to allow for two stop-overs for the completion of livestock shipments on through billings, was asked by resolution, this service to be given on all way freight trains.

Another resolution submitted, but lost, asked the Dominion Government to change the law in such manner as to provide that the landowner shall obtain a royalty on minerals found under his land.

Against Condemnation Insurance

Repeal of any legal provisions for condemnation insurance, by the Dominion Government, was asked in a resolution from Wetaskiwin Federal C. A. which the Convention accepted.

Raymond Sugar Beet Industry

A resolution from the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association, dealing with the sugar beet industry, was finally adopted after a contentious discussion in which it was evident that the critics were desirous of the progress of the industry but thought the resolution ambiguous and in danger of being interpreted in a sense contrary to U.F.A. principles. The resolution urged the Dominion Government "to adopt such measures to encourage and stabilize this industry as shall be alike beneficial to the growers of the sugar beets, the manufacturers of the refined product therefrom and the consumers of sugar in the Dominion of Canada."

J. W. Evans, of Raymond, who moved the resolution, Ernest Bennion and J. A. Johansen, all made able speeches in which they described the difficulties which beset this industry. Mr. Bennion pointed out that the price of imported sugar was about the same in Raymond as in Vancouver, although the freight was 98 cents and this was undoubtedly due to the fact that there was a factory there.

Mr. Evans believed that a tariff on imported sugar would be unwarranted and suggested a bonus, which brought Andrew Rafn to his feet in protest that this would be special privilege, and if any bonuses were to be handed out, there was another industry, in the north, the salt industry, which would have an equal claim. To give special privileges, however, would be contrary to the principles of the organization.

C. C. Reed, of Tees, did "not like the sound of the resolution," although its

terms were indefinite, while Hector McKenzie also spoke against the resolution.

A Definite Proposal

In order that there might be no uncertainty as to the means which the Convention wished to be taken to stabilize the industry, John Egger moved an amendment to the effect that "to safeguard against unfair competition, the Dominion Government prevent the sales of any brand of sugar at a lower price in one part of the Dominion than in another, with due regard to freight rates."

When, after some discussion, the vote was taken on the amendment, the chairman had difficulty in deciding, and asked for a second vote, when he declared the amendment lost. The resolution was then put to the vote and carried.

On Tuesday evening, after a brief and most interesting address by Rev. H. W. Avison, pastor of the church, Mr. Garland introduced Premier Brownlee, whose address was one of the most important and inspiring features of Convention week. This address, and the address of Mr. Williams, fraternal delegate from the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan section, also given on Tuesday evening, are unavoidably held over.

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Honor Two Retiring Members of Board

Banquet and Presentation to H. C. McDaniel and Stephen Lunn

In honor of Messrs. H. C. McDaniel and S. Lunn, members of the Central Board who retired this year after long service on the Board and Executive, a banquet was given in the Tea Kettle Inn, Calgary, on January 21st, by the Central Board for 1928, and a presentation of military brushes was made to the retiring members. G. H. Biggs was master of ceremonies.

President Wood, said that after working with these members for some seven or eight years, he regretted that he would not be associated with them upon the Board this year. There had been harmonious relationships and he had been able to give his confidence to the members of the Board and Executive during the period when these members had been serving. He welcomed the new members of the Board most sincerely and heartily.

Mrs. Gunn in a brief and happy speech, referred to the friendly relationships upon the Board and wished the retiring members all the good things they could desire. Messrs. Lunn and McDaniel replied briefly, Mr. Lunn saying that he had spent many of the happiest days of his life on the Board, and Mr. McDaniel stating that there had never been a time when he had not considered it a high privilege and found it an inspiration to serve on the Board, especially so in being associated with the revered head of the Association.

After a number of old and new members of the Board had spoken, Mr. Biggs concluded with a brief speech in which he remarked that the event would be remembered as one of the little things that make life worth while.

Mr. McDaniel first became a member of the Executive in 1921, and Mr. Lunn was elected to the Board the same year.

Common Goal of the Farmers and Labor

Elmer Roper's Address Cordially Received by U.F.A. Convention

Elmer Roper, editor of the *Alberta Labor News*, who spoke before the Annual Convention as representative of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Labor Party, on January 17th, declared that he had been impressed in studying the list of resolutions by the circumstance that they seemed to be centred on one objective—the advancement of human happiness and the increase in understanding between one group of citizens and another. Mr. Roper recalled a statement by Mr. Scholefield, who appeared as a fraternal delegate before the Alberta Federation of Labor recently, to the effect that organizations which have a common goal must find ways to co-operate, and that Labor and the Farmers, in their desire to set up a co-operative form of social organization, undoubtedly had a common goal.

Mr. Roper remarked that if there had been any lessening in U.F.A. membership it was not apparent in the crowded Convention hall. The intense interest manifested by the farmers in their organization and the fine spirit apparent were evidence that the men who had always been responsible in hundreds of different localities throughout the Province, for the success of the organization, were still on the job.

The Labor representative, who spoke with his usual eloquence and revealed a fine idealism, was cordially applauded by the Convention.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF UNITED FARM WOMEN

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of the Extension Department of the University, and Mr. Charlie Mills, President of the Junior Branch, each spoke a few words to the Convention on Junior Work. This was the first time Miss Coupland had ever attended a Senior Convention, and this year she was officially in attendance as Vice-President.

The first resolution introduced and passed came up the first day and was a request that the U.F.W.A. use its utmost influence to the end that the Sabbath day be kept in rural districts.

Little Miss Lillian Wilson, who won the silver medal at the last Musical Festival, delighted the Convention by giving a beautiful song. Mr. Ottewell brought greetings from the Red Cross, telling of the work done by that organization in the Province. This concluded the opening session of our Convention.

Wednesday morning the report on Health and Child Welfare was given by Mrs. J. W. Field. In this report, in which Mrs. Field talks of the Health Clinics, and the care of the child while at school, she says of the infant and maternal mortality: "I regret that I am not able to report a decrease in our infant and maternal mortality. While Alberta is recognized as leading in many aspects of Public Health work, the latest report of vital statistics for the Province shows that we have still an appallingly high mortality. We lose 85 babies and 5.9 mothers out of each thousand. We have the fourth highest maternal and second highest infant death rate in Canada.

Foremost Subject for Study

"It is obviously very difficult to get at the many causes which may be responsible for this appalling mortality. I would suggest this to the Locals, and particularly to the Local Convener of Health, as the foremost subject for study during the coming year. In connection with this subject, and reviewing other needs along the line of health activity,



Mrs. F. E. WYMAN
First Vice-President

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Miss E. M. Hull, Calgary.

I am more than ever convinced of the need of the creation of health districts, or units, in the Province—centres from which would radiate all public health activities, school inspection, baby clinics, pre-natal clinics, tubercular clinic, surveys of mental defectives, etc. I hope that something along this line will be considered seriously by the Government, and if feasible, will be put into operation in at least one or two districts as soon as possible."

Mrs. Field led in the discussion of this report, in which Mr. Hoadley took part, and Miss Conroy of the Department of Public Health gave a talk on diagnosing the different rash diseases, reading the thermometer, and demonstrated bandaging different parts of the body.

Mrs. Gunn Unanimously Re-elected

Two delightful vocal numbers were given by Mr. A. Arlidge, of Calgary, followed by the nominations for President. Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Field and Mrs. Price were nominated. Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Field and Mrs. Price withdrew, and Mrs. Gunn was unanimously elected for her fifth consecutive term as President.

The morning session of Wednesday was concluded with the Social Service report, presented by the Convener, Mrs. T. M. Carlson. The report commenced with the statement that "Social Service work is in the broadest sense as old as civilization itself." "The workers of today," continued Mrs. Carlson, "have a two-fold purpose: one, immediate help where needed, the other, to trace back the life of the individual and find the cause of his failure to adjust himself to economic conditions."

Wednesday afternoon a joint session with the U. F. A. was held and the next session of the U. F. W. A. opened with the presenting of the Legislative Report, by the Convener, Mrs. F. E. Wyman. This year Mrs. Wyman, instead of giving a report of the work, which had been fully covered in her June Bulletin, answered some of the questions which she had received from different Locals during the year. Some of the questions asked dealt with: Oriental immigration, domicile, alimony, wills, Canadian citizenship, and property rights. Miss Duff, barrister, of Edmonton, gave a very instructive and interesting talk on "wills," and Captain McLeod gave a splendid talk on "Wards of the Province."

Nominations for First Vice-President then took place, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Kiser and Mrs. Field being nominated for this office. During the counting of the ballot, Miss Margaret Sibbald gave an excellent reading, and Dr. Coffin, of the Calgary Normal School, gave a very fine talk on "Pre-School Problems." Dr. Coffin began his talk by pointing out how the child in the large family had a much better opportunity of developing self-reliance and character than had the only child, but that nowadays the parents were apt to depend too much on the teacher for the development of the child, forgetting their own responsibility. In concluding he said that unless the foundation of the child's character was laid in the home, the teacher had nothing to build upon.

During this session Mrs. Gunn was presented with a gorgeous basket of rose and white chrysanthemums by the Convention, Mrs. B. F. Kiser making the presentation.

Vice Presidents Re-elected

Owing to no clear majority being cast in the two ballots taken for 1st Vice-President, a special session was held Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Wyman was elected 1st and Mrs. Field 2nd Vice-President. During this session resolutions in regard to "Segregation as opposed to



Mrs. J. W. FIELD
Second Vice-President

Sterilization," "Physical Examination," "Bird Protection," "Cadet Training," "School Libraries," "Wrapping of Butter," "Lock Telephones," "Civil Aviation," "Peace," were dealt with. The resolutions dealing with School Libraries, Civil Aviation and Peace, were carried. A substitute motion was introduced for that of Cadet Training, this motion asking the Government to prepare a brief on Cadet Training and have it sent out to the different Locals for study. This was carried.

Friday morning the Immigration Report was given by Mrs. R. Price. In this splendid report Mrs. Price gave the answers to the questions asked of the Locals in the Immigration Bulletin, and also talked on Juvenile Immigration, Settlement Plan for British Boys, Oriental Immigration, Medical Inspection before sailing, and told of the work done by the Advisory Committee on Women's Immigration. This Committee exists for the purpose of helping the newcomer, and making them feel that they are welcome to the new country. Miss Macmillan, Chairman of this Committee, spoke to the Convention on this subject.

Mrs. D. J. Christie presented the report on Co-operative Marketing. Mrs. Christie reported that the prices of eggs and poultry of good quality have been relatively high during the last few years, but "so long as the product of the farm is of low average quality, the producer does not get the benefit of a good price for good quality." Excellent reports were made of the work done by the Wheat Pools, the Livestock Producers, Dairy Pool, Wool Growers, and the Co-operative Tobacco Growers.

Peace and Arbitration

Mrs. Kiser presented the report on Peace and Arbitration Friday afternoon. In this report Mrs. Kiser told of the various organizations that are devoting much time and effort to the elimination of war. "Surely," she said, "with these groups and many others convinced of the righteousness of the cause the coming together will be a natural process of growth, and the result will be the beginning of a new order where the Message of Peace and Goodwill shall find an echo in the heart of all humanity."

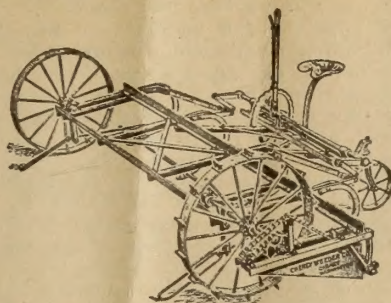
Fraternal Greetings were brought to the Convention by Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of the National Council of Women; Mrs. Woodhall of the W. C. T. U.; and Mrs. Price of the Women's Institutes.

W. R. Reader, Superintendent of Parks in Calgary, and the Hon. Mrs. Irene Parby, gave splendid talks on home gardening, and lantern slides were exhibited to show just what could be done to make the rural home beautiful.

At the conclusion of these talks, a short musical program was enjoyed, and the Calgary Local served a silver tea.

One of the most enjoyable social events during this week was the banquet held at the Palliser Hotel by the U.F.W.A. A splendid program was carried out, those speaking being: His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor; the Hon. J. E. Brownlee; Dr. Magill, representing the Mayor of Calgary, H. W. Wood; Mrs. Sears; Mrs. Parby; Mrs. F. E. Wyman; Miss Amy Roe and Mrs. Wm. Carson. Those contributing to the musical program were: Miss Beryl Scott, Miss Madge Atherton, Mr. Geo. Barrs and Mr. Max Bishop, all of the Wheat Pool Staff.

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VIEWS ON GRAIN GRADING

(Continued from page 5)

of cars too full to properly sample at
Winnipeg, and which were practically
called all damaged wheat. You have a
resolution on your books that tough
grades should be divided and the grain
with moisture condition from 14.5 to 15.5
should be graded separately. Well, that
resolution was passed by the Standards
Board and brought before us by the
Executive of the Farmers of Manitoba,
and the Secretary from there made a
very fine presentation of the case. But
we had to consult with the men who were
running the elevators, and the gentleman
who is Superintendent of the Saskatche-
wan Pool, and has charge of the largest
individual elevator, said, "What are you
doing that for? We cannot find bins for
what we have." You had your lists
gone over and your lists show a percent-
age of moisture, and the average up to
that date was 15.3. Now just think,
you are asking to make a division be-
tween 15.3 up to 17, and we have no
place for this on our sheets. Out of the
31 or 32 elevators at the Head of the
Lakes, only five are terminals. You
could order the Terminals to take in
those grades, but the private houses would
not comply. And the Pool has half the
capacity of the public elevator space,
and all they have to do is to tell the
superintendent to make that division.

If your wheat is no better than the
wheat from Australia, why should British
market pay more for it? The British
miller does not buy your wheat for the
quality of flour it makes by itself, because
he does not grind it that way. He buys
wheat from United States, Argentina,
Australia and India, and he uses our wheat
to give the several wheats strength. He
uses a certain percentage to get a certain
grade of flour. He is just as anxious to
keep his output uniform as possible, and
when he uses a certain percentage of our
wheat he wants to be certain that it has
the qualities he expects, and for this
reason you have everything to lose by
tampering and lowering your grades.

The Old Country purchaser bids on the
lowest grade that he may expect in that
shipment; if he gets anything better he
is so much ahead. If you mix one and
two you would get No. 2 price. Same
applies to the moisture content, the
difference in the intrinsic value between
grain of 13 per cent moisture and 15 per
cent. There seems to be an idea that the
only thing required in wheat is to keep it
dry. No. 6 wheat, if dried, will keep—
but you would not expect to sell your
No. 1 for the same price. Flour from
No. 5 would keep if the wheat was dried.

Canada is the only country that has
a thorough inspection system, because it
is the only place for millers to purchase
grain certificates final. If you ship your
grain through Seattle, Portland or other
American ports you will find that in a
day or two it will have to go before an
arbitration board. I do not say that the
arbitration board would not treat you
fairly, but you are a long way from that
arbitration board. Our Board had a
meeting with the representatives of the
American Inspection Department, and
they objected very strenuously to our
sending samples of U.S. grain going
through Montreal port. It is only fair
that purchasers of grain get average sam-
ples before making bids. These are sent
to the Old Country and the Continent,
similar samples as those used in the Chief
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till two years ago our grading stood very
high abroad, but for the last two years

No. 3 has been very inferior to what it
was previous to that time. That was
caused largely by the drying of grain.
We did not know how to dry grain with-
out injuring it. At the present time
they are working in the University, Mani-
toba College and our own laboratories
to find out a method of drying grain so
that it will not be injured in the process
of drying. The question has been asked,
why do they dry grain to 12.5? I want to
say that they do not dry grain to 12.5.
Grain is not dried by the carload. It is
placed in a bin and the drying is con-
tinuous. Up until recently there were
very few in charge of driers that were
really competent to dry grain without
injuring it. They did not know they
were injuring it, and I do not think they
cared. Their business was to get as much
grain through in the shortest time pos-
sible. They pointed out they could not
dry to a certain per cent. In drying grain
there is something the average person
overlooks: Take 100 grams of wheat
with 20 per cent moisture, and when we
take out 10 per cent, how much moisture
will be left in the remainder of the grain?
Many would say 90 per cent, but that is
not so. There is 10 per cent of 100
moisture in 90 grams, and the moisture
test instead of having 90 per cent, has
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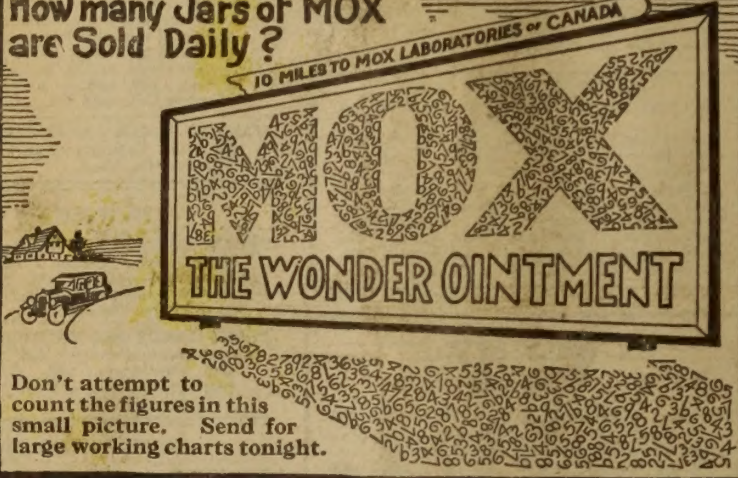
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